



Lee Godshall

April 28, 1917 - May 16, 2009

Lee Godshall, 92 died Saturday at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis. Lee was born in Collegeville, Pennsylvania to Morvin and Sarah Detwiler Godshall. He graduated from Catawba College in North Carolina and was a proud veteran of World War II, serving in the Pacific Theatre and achieving the rank of First Lieutenant.

Lee worked at Valley Forge Flag Factory in Spring City, Pennsylvania. In 1952, he moved his family to San Mateo, California where he owned and operated a State Farm Insurance Agency for 35 years. Upon retirement, he moved to Corvallis to be near his daughters and their families. He was a member of the Elks Clubs in both San Mateo and Corvallis. He was also a member of the Senior Center and volunteered his time working with Meals on Wheels. His hobbies included going to the library, Web TV and cooking from scratch. Lee was very gregarious and took advantage of the opportunity to make friends wherever he went. He was a regular at Saturday Market and enjoyed the social connections he made there, as much or more than the produce and goods he purchased from vendors who he considered his friends. His life was an inspiration to those who knew and loved him. Well into his senior years, he traveled often to Tacoma to visit his daughter and even to his last days, he was an active and vital member of the Corvallis community. Preceded in death by his parents; his brother and sister; Lee is survived by and will be sorely missed by his daughters and their husbands, Krista and Bruce LaSorella of Tacoma, Ferne and Mark Simendinger of Corvallis; four

granddaughters and 3 great grand children. Private family services will be held. Lee will be laid to rest at Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ Cemetery in Collegeville, Pennsylvania in a private inurnment. Memorial donations in Lee's name may be directed to the Corvallis Senior Center in care of McHenry Funeral Home 206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *"Alleluia!" are the words we hope Granpa Lee is saying now. His heart was always full of love for his family and joy at seeing his grandchildren and great grandchildren succeed and grow. There are many one liners from GG Lee's repituar, but mostly I will remember his constancy. He remained constant in his courtesy and authentic in his personality. He will be missed. We hope to keep love for family alive by always putting family time as a priority. We also pray for his daughters whom miss him the most. You were loved, GG Lee.*

Rachel, Peter, Matthew Stull - June 05, 2009 at 11:36 PM

AM

“ *Ferne,
Please extend our deepest sympathy to your family. I know how hard this must be for you as you and your dad became so much closer these last few years. I really believe he enjoyed being close to you here in Corvallis.
You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love, April & Len*

April & Len Melton - June 04, 2009 at 10:19 PM

RH

“ Lee, it was an honor to have known you. You were the youngest "old timer" we ever met.
All the kids on the 4th floor of Cascade Pointe Apts. loved you. You will be missed.
And my wife, Sandy, who manages Cascade Pointe Apts., will miss you showing up with a cold glass of ice tea, and your constant reminder, "You know, Sandy, you work too hard!"
We'll see you down the road, Lee. We love you.
Ray & Sandy Hoy and Brittney Belshe (our granddaughter, who lived across the hall from you)

Ray Hoy - May 29, 2009 at 07:19 PM

JS

“ Krista: It Is Sad When A Family Member Is Taken From Us. Reading About His Life While He Was With You, Showed What A Nice Man He Was. He Even Was Thinking About You Guy's After He Was Gone. He Didn't Want To Burdon You With The Stress Of A Memorial Service. I Would Have Liked To Have Met Him. God Bless Your Faher, You, Bruce And The Rest Of Your Family... JIM

Jim Stewart - May 23, 2009 at 04:41 PM