



Leighton Davis

June 10, 1918 - August 4, 2016

Leighton Davis proudly lived almost his entire life of 98 years in rural Benton County. Hubert Leighton was born in Corvallis, the son of Leslie and Laura Tadlock Davis. He went to Bandbox School in the Oak Ridge area through eighth grade. He then attended Corvallis High School, graduating in 1936. In high school he met and fell in love with the sweetheart of his dreams, Juanita Carlin. They later married in 1940 and had 75 fulfilling years together.

He owned and operated a grade-A dairy and grass seed farm south of Corvallis. His son, John, later joined him in the operation. Leighton was active in the community. He served on the board of the Oregon Dairy Farmers Association; was a director of Federal Land Bank; and was president of Corvallis Milk Producers Association. He was a member of Willamette Grange, Corvallis Elks Lodge and First Presbyterian Church of Corvallis.

Leighton and Juanita belonged to the “Double or Nothing” pinochle group of 12 couples that would play once a month for over 50 years. They enjoyed attending OSU sporting events. When they were no longer able to personally attend, watching all the televised games was a must.

He was a role model of hard work for his four grandsons. His grandson, Tony, writes this, “In his adult life he witnessed the Great Depression, World War II, the Civil Rights movement, the Cold War, Apollo 11, booming economies,

multiple financial disasters and the exponential growth of technology.”

Leighton is survived by his wife, Juanita; daughter Karen (David) Steele of Corvallis; and grandsons Anthony (Cathy) Steele of Tualatin, Adam (Nicole) Steele of Corvallis, Chad (Debbie) Davis of Bothell, Washington, and Curtis (Jessica) Davis of Corvallis. He was proud of his nine great-grandchildren, Emma, Christian, Andrew, Connor, Mitchell, William, Haylee, Keira and Derek.

He is preceded in death by his son, John Leslie Davis (daughter-in-law Glenda Davis); and sister Audrey Kessler.

Thank you to Park Place Assisted Living staff for your caring support and to Benton Hospice Service for its compassionate care.

At his request, there will be no public service.