



Luther Gerhard Bolken

July 31, 1940 - December 10, 2014

Luther Bolken of Corvallis quietly passed away on Dec. 10, 2014.

Lute was born on July 31, 1940, in North Dakota to beloved parents Harald and Dagny Bolken. In 1952 the family moved to Springfield, where Luther spent his childhood growing up on the farm. He graduated from Springfield High School in 1958 and then Oregon Institute of Technology in the early 1960s.

Luther was a much-loved son, brother, father, uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather. He grew up with the love of music, playing the baritone, and singing. He sang with the Cascade Chorus and Barbershop Quartet, and sang solo at many weddings over the years. After living in Springfield, he moved his family to Philomath and then settled in Corvallis.

Luther was a longtime member of the Philomath Rotary Club and always made a point to attend local meetings as he traveled. He was a respected businessman, owning Accredited Business & Tax Consultants Inc. Luther had a keen wit and a great sense of humor. He took pride in the fact that he could make everyone laugh. He was extremely proud of his Norwegian heritage, and his Ole and Lena jokes will live on forever.

Luther was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Dagny Bolken; his

son, Hans Bjarne Bolken; his wife, Linda Bolken; and brothers Harold and Paul.

He is survived by his son, Sean Hardy, and wife Grace (Shanna) of Mililani, Hawaii; and his daughter, Kecia Bolken Speck of Philomath. Luther was a loving grandfather to Christopher Evans and wife, Noelle, Za Ramsey, Bailey Speck, Nickolas Hardy and great-grandson Ace Evans. He is survived by two brothers, Olaf and Nolan; two sisters, Melody and Kaja; numerous nieces and nephews; and extended family members and friends.

No service will be held.