



## Lynn E. Abraham

April 13, 1927 - March 13, 2017

Lynn Eastman Abraham, 89, of Philomath died March 13th at his Philomath home, one month shy of his 90th birthday.

He was born April 13, 1927 in Longview, Washington to Guy (Jim) Abraham and Hazel Hall Abraham. Following graduation from Siletz High School, Lynn entered the US Navy at 17 years of age. After being honorably discharged, he enrolled briefly at Oregon State University. He took some time off from school to work and later attended Pacific University where he was elected Freshmen Class President. As a member of the Inactive Reserve, he was recalled to active duty in January of 1951 and honorably discharged in April 1952.

Lynn was employed as an independent log truck driver for most of his life changing careers in the early 1980s to open a diesel repair shop at his home. He was active in the Oregon Log Truckers Association serving as President in 1978-79, Toledo Elks Lodge, American Legion Mary's River Post 100, Philomath Lion's Club, and Pacific University Alumni Association. Lynn was a member of College United Methodist Church in Philomath where he served as Head Usher and on the Board of Trustees. His family was very important to him, and he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and camping in his fifth wheel. Lynn possessed a memory for dates and details that surpassed many who were younger than him. He liked having coffee and sharing memories with his friends at CD&J Restaurant in Philomath until it closed late last year. He had an uncanny ability to design a tool for a specific purpose for which none was available. And whatever tool he designed was made to last a lifetime. He

never met a person he couldn't talk with!

Lynn married the love of his life, Ruth Eileen Scholl, on February 4, 1950. They spent 57 years together before her death in September 2007. He is survived by daughters Lynda Rowley (Mark) of Dallas, Lori Sleeman (Larry) of Philomath, grandchildren Levi Rowley (Gaylene), Ryan Rowley (Jennifer), Jessica Burgess (Matt), Joshua Sleeman (Amy), Mitchell Sleeman (Cora), Trevor Sleeman (Gillian), brother Robert Abraham (Melinda), great-grandchildren Ben, Tim, Andrew, Brady, Makena, Frances, Louisa, Taylor, Rylee, and Camryn, sister-in law Barbara Bilsland, cousin Lee Dickenson, several nieces and nephews, and high school friend Gail Barclay who faithfully met him for lunch every Wednesday. Son Randy and infant daughter Laraine preceded him in death.

His family suggests donations in his memory be made to College United Methodist Church in Philomath or to Benton Hospice in Corvallis.

A celebration-of-life service will be held April 15, 2017 at 2:00pm at College United Methodist Church in Philomath. Blue denim jeans and hickory shirts would be appropriate attire.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **15**. 2:00 PM (PT)

College United Methodist Church  
1123 Main St.  
Philomath, OR 97370

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Lori Sleeman lit a candle in memory of Lynn E. Abraham*



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**Lori Sleeman** - March 23, 2017 at 11:50 PM