



Marvin Nobel Shearer

February 16, 1920 - January 28, 2014

Marvin Shearer of Corvallis, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away at age 93 after a short final illness.

He is survived by Nola Shearer, his wife of 65 years; his sons, Dwayne (Lorelle), David (Martha) and Steven (Rhonda Reed); his grandchildren, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Andrew and Alexander; and his brother, Jack (Ruth). He was preceded in death by his brothers, Vance, Wayne and Allen.

Marvin was born in Wedderburn, the second son of Rolenzo N. Shearer and Georgia Nies Shearer. He was raised in Illahe, and Holland, Mich. The family returned to Oregon in the depths of the Depression and moved to Aumsville. After Marvin graduated from Aumsville High School, the family moved to a farm near North Plains.

After a year of helping farm and build a barn, Marvin began studying agricultural engineering at Oregon State College. He worked his way through college, guiding at the Oregon Caves during the summer and counting every penny. When World War II started, he first worked as a draftsman at Consolidated Aircraft in San Diego, and then enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force, serving with the 92nd Bomb Group.

After his discharge in 1946, he returned to Oregon State to finish his studies

on the G.I. Bill. While there, he was first vice president of the student body, a member of Blue Key and a winner of the initial U.G. Dubach award for outstanding seniors. He met Nola Lee Frakes at Westminster House, and they married after his graduation in 1948.

Marvin started his career with the Extension Service as a county agent in Madras. He moved back to Corvallis and took the position of irrigation specialist, which he held for 30 years, meeting and helping farmers throughout Oregon. He earned a master's degree from Michigan State University in 1961. Marvin and Nola raised their family in Corvallis and were active members of First Presbyterian Church.

Marv was an avid photographer, and also produced scenic slide shows that he presented for local groups.

After Marvin's retirement from the Extension Service, he consulted on irrigation projects and education in Tunisia, Bangladesh, China and Mexico, and developed training materials for the Irrigation Association. He and Nola traveled together, and particularly enjoyed their trips to Hawaii. Family was important to Marvin, and he was an exemplary grandpa. He is missed.

A memorial service will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 18, at First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Nola and Family,*

I enjoyed being your neighbor from March 1962 to September 1970.

Tom Lewis

Tom Lewis - February 13, 2014 at 06:31 PM



“ *Dear Nola & family ... my favorite years at OSU were spent in the Department of Agricultural Engineering ... the faculty in AgEngng & AgEngng Extension were the best! Faculty, their spouses and families, Staff and our Students were truly a family. I'm so glad to have had the opportunity to work with such a dedicated fellow as Marv ... sincere condolences are extended to all of you ... I'm sorry the weather kept me home bound ... you are in my prayers. .. Lou Shafer*

Lou Shafer - February 10, 2014 at 10:06 PM



“ *It was great to read the details of Marv's life. I knew him as Dwayne's father and a good friend of my parents, and a friendly, positive person who always treated me like a grown up, even as a high school kid.*

Greg Harem - February 09, 2014 at 02:37 PM