



Melvin Neil Westwood

March 25, 1923 - October 31, 2020

Melvin N. Westwood, 97, of Corvallis, OR died at the Lebanon Veteran's Home in Lebanon, OR on Saturday, October 31, 2020. Please leave condolence messages for the family here on the website.

Tribute Wall



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JB

“ Melvin grew up with my mother, Donna Bailey Babbitt in Moab. While in college I was a work study student in order to help pay for my schooling. I did a variety of jobs. In my junior year at Oregon State (1967-1968), I worked as an editor for the Horticulture department editing Horticulture articles for professors and grad students before they were sent to publishing for professional journals. It was on one of those days while working, that a gentleman in the Horticulture Department approached me and said he understood my last name was Babbitt. I said it was and he stated that he had grown up and gone to high school with a lady named Donna Babbitt and wondered if I was any relation to her. I told him that she was my mother. He said he had lost touch with her-it had been almost 30 years- and he was pretty excited to connect to someone from his home town. I told him she was living in Salt Lake City, Utah. I gave him her contact information. Apparently, they stayed in touch from that time on.

My dad had passed right after he got her to move to SLC with the 5 boys in November of 1967 and then he died in December of 1967. She remained there with my dad's sister close by and eventually moved with the 3 youngest boys to Grand Junction, Colorado where her sister Lorene lived. In August of 1973, my first husband, Bob and I drove with our 9 month old son, Brooke, to see her in Grand Junction. While there I told her if she wanted to come back to Oregon, we would help her move here. In October she called me and asked me if I had meant it because she was ready, so we found a house and Bob flew to Grand Junction and packed her and the boys up and drove a U-Haul back and Mom followed in her car. Anyway, sometime after she got here, she reconnected with Melvin and Wanda and they were so very kind and took her to dinner and other activities. They were able to catch up and reminisce together until mom passed in February of 2004. Both Melvin and Wanda came to her service at DeMoss-Durden and Melvin spoke of his memories of growing up with her. It meant so much to all of us that he shared some memories of her before we came along. I will always be grateful for the kindness and caring he showed my mother.

Jan Babbitt

Jan Babbitt - November 18, 2020 at 09:50 AM

KK

Jan Babbitt--Thank you for your kind words and remembrance of Dad.
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Kathryn Kyriss - December 08, 2020 at 07:28 AM

NB

Thank you, Jan, for sharing with us. I remember my parents talking about your mom, Donna, but did not know the story of how you met Mel and helped him get reconnected.
Nancy Butler-Neary, daughter

Nancy Butler-Neary - December 12, 2020 at 08:02 PM

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Nancy Butler-Neary - November 12, 2020 at 02:05 PM

BD

“ I shared a love of Family History with Uncle Melvin and loved his excitement when we shared information. I remember family visiting when I was growing up and going to Oregon with my two grandmothers and Russ when I was a teenager and staying at your house. He was a great man and will be missed by the family.
Beth Westwood Davies

Beth Davies - November 08, 2020 at 09:42 PM

KK

Thank you, Beth! 💕

Kathryn Kyriss - December 08, 2020 at 07:30 AM

NB

Thanks, Beth! So glad Uncle Mel got to see you, Rick and Uncle Dick when Rose & I brought him to Utah in 2012.

Nancy Butler-Neary - December 12, 2020 at 08:05 PM



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