



Norman Hatter

May 18, 1919 - April 16, 2008

Norman John Hatter died Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at Corvallis Manor. Norm was known by many names: Norm, Old Man, Poppa Norm, Hatterberg, and many others.

He was born to Beatrice Emma Hatter and William John Hatter in Oak Lake Manitoba, Canada on May 18, 1919. He was the middle child with an older sister and younger brother. In 1923, the family moved to Escondido, California, where his father became the minister of the Episcopal Church. At age 11 the family moved to Santa Ana, California and resided there for 30 years. His father was the minister for the Church of the Messiah.

Norm went to Harvard Military Academy from 1934 through 1937. He enrolled in Santa Ana Junior College in 1937 and graduated with an Associate of Arts degree in 1940. He went to work for Fisher Governor Company in Marshalltown, Iowa in 1940 while simultaneously enrolling in the Mechanical Engineering program at Iowa State University. Norm graduated with his Engineering degree from ISU in 1943. In 1944 he enlisted in the Army Air Corp. and was later commissioned at Yale University as a 2nd lieutenant. While in the service, Norm worked in the field of aircraft engine and frame repair.

Norm met Beulah June Kruger at ISU and they were married on April 8, 1945 at Bradley Field, Connecticut, where Norm was stationed as a First Lieutenant in the Army Air Corp. Their marriage lasted 62 years. They had one child who was the light of their lives, Nancy Payne.

Norm worked for Fisher Governor Company for 15 years. He owned and operated his own business as the Fisher Representative for Northern California for 25 years. He retired in 1976. He and Beulah lived in Portola Valley, California for 22 years. Following Norm's retirement, they spent 5 years on the Monterrey coast in Carmel Valley, California. Then in 1996 decided to move north relocating to Redding, California where they lived until 2004, in the home that Norm designed. At that time, due to Beulah's ill health they decided to move up to Corvallis to be close to daughter Nancy and settled at Stoneybrook Assisted Living.

Norm was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Beulah in 2006 and his parents William John Hatter and Beatrice Emma Hatter and his siblings Marjorie Foster and Lionel Hatter. He is survived by his only child, daughter Nancy Payne, son-in-law Michael Payne and two grandchildren Christopher Payne and Katie Payne.

At Norm's request, no service will be held. Memorial contributions can be made to Benton Hospice Services, 2350 NW Professional Drive, Corvallis, Oregon 97330.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about Norm's passing. We had the pleasure of living next door to Norm and Beulah in Redding, CA. Our children referred to them as their Foster Grandparents. We were sad to see them move to Oregon, but knew it was in their best interest. It's a long story, but we owe them alot and will be forever grateful to both of them.
Our hearts and prayers are with their family at this time.
Dennis, Barbara, Alicia and Kyle McMaines

Barbara McMaines - April 21, 2008 at 12:02 AM

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“ I always looked forward to seeing Norm on the schedule. Nancy, I know we will all miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jason Phillips - April 19, 2008 at 11:50 AM