



Orville Smith

August 22, 1920 - January 4, 2011

Orville Loyed Smith, 90 of Corvallis died January 4th at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. Born August 22, 1920 in Tilford, South Dakota and raised on a ranch. He was the son of Lawrence and Marie Lagg Smith. Orville was a veteran of the U. S. Marine Corps—on his enlistment papers, his occupation was listed as “cowboy.” He married Florence Ascherl in 1943. The couple had five children. He was a long time member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and worked as a lineman for several utility companies throughout his career; retiring in the 1980’s. He loved and appreciated music, and is described by his family as a ‘wonderful dancer’ that to watch Orville and Florence dance, was to watch them float across the room. He enjoyed hunting and spending time with friends. After his retirement, Orville and Florence spent a good deal of time traveling. They were members of St. Mary’s Catholic Church and Orville was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife of 67 years, Florence who died in September, 2010; one son, Gary Smith who died in 1993; and four brothers and sisters. Orville is survived by his four children, Yvonne Sheldon and her husband Shelly of Lebanon, Sandra Tester and her partner Patrick McNeal of Oregon City, Roger Smith of Culver, Oregon, Deborah McAuley and her husband Michael of Oregon City; one brother Walt Smith; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held at 10:30 am, Saturday, January 15th at McHenry

Funeral Home; recitation of the holy rosary will take place at 10:45 am. A funeral mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church at noon, also on Saturday, January 15th. A graveside service will follow the mass at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Father John Henderson will officiate.