



## Paul B. Valenti

September 10, 1920 - September 13, 2014

Paul B. Valenti, 94 died Saturday, September 13th at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House in Albany. Paul was born in San Francisco, California to parents James and Constance Valenti. He married Francine Legnitto on January 15, 1946. He is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years, Francine Valenti; daughter JoAnn Jernigan; daughter Victoria Valenti Joines; son in law Tom Joines and granddaughter Jina Jernigan. Memorial donations in Paul's name may be directed to the Paul Valenti Scholarship fund through the OSU Foundation or Oregon State Athletics. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 pm, Saturday October 18th at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My Friend Paul*

*My arrival at OSU was a fluke, but a great one. My best friend in high school was a star varsity BB player for Ben Neff, the great coach at Lowell in SF. He had waited for a scholarship and finally decided we ought to go to OSU and play BB. I was set to go to UC, but OSU had an outstanding Forestry school --I said OK. As the train pulled out, he came running along side yelling he was going to St Marys. That Fall in 1948, the new BB recruits plus a legion of walk-ons tried for a few spots. Enter Paul, in charge of running three full court games in the old Men's Gym. Paul made a point of knowing all of us and being from SF, more recently Fairfax, plus being half Italian, we had fun talking about relatives and the Bay Area. But alas, fast hands and a good shot could not overcome being short and not up to Slat's needs for his great teams of '48 and '49. We often would shoot buckets after practice. Paul was special with all his players. Upon returning as a faculty member, Paul and I would always exchange an Italian greeting followed by "How are things going Van?" That is how we have greeted each other for 66 years. Always upbeat, always kind, and always loving with wonderful Fran. Paul will always hold a special place in my heart!*

*Tony Van Vliet, '52*

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**Tony Van Vliet** - October 13, 2014 at 11:52 AM

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“ *What a priviledge to have been a friend for 37 years. A fierce competitor on the court but a gentleman off the court with a good nature. His commitment to God, family, country, his players and OSU community to do what's right irrespective of criticism is a model that all good men should aspire to. May he rest in peace.*

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**B. Conklin** - October 12, 2014 at 12:02 AM

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“ A picture from the Beaver Yearbook - maybe 1965



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**Kim Hayashi** - September 22, 2014 at 03:59 PM