



Philip Magnusson

January 18, 1917 - April 5, 2012

Philip Cooper Magnusson of Corvallis passed away Thursday, April 5, 2012, at age 95. His family and former students will remember him dearly for his kind optimism.

He was born in Seattle, Wash., to Carl Edward and Elva Cooper Magnusson. He grew up in Seattle and attended Roosevelt High School. He graduated with engineering degrees from University of Washington, Bachelor of Science; University of California —Berkeley, Master of Science; and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Doctor of Science.

He served in World War II as a U.S. Navy Lieutenant, Bureau of Ordnance, Washington, D.C. He married Ensign Evelyn B. Rueger on March 4, 1945. They moved to Corvallis in 1946, when Philip joined the faculty of Oregon State University. He was in the Naval Research Unit in Corvallis, and transferred to the Retired Reserve as a Lieutenant Commander in 1961.

He became a professor emeritus at OSU in 1983, after teaching for 37 years in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. He co-authored the popular introductory textbook “Transmission Lines and Wave Propagation” (editions 1965, 1970, 1992, 2001). He also presented papers at local and national meetings of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. Philip and his wife, Evelyn, were active members of First United Methodist Church. Philip also participated in Toastmasters, Kiwanis, the Masons, the Association of Retired Oregon Employees and the Willamette Valley Supper Club. He was a volunteer driver for Dial-A-Bus until his 75th birthday.

His wife, Evelyn, preceded him in death. He is survived by his brother, Edward Fenimore Magnusson; his three children, Barbara Ann Maguire, John Richard Magnusson and Elizabeth Anne Magnusson; sons-in-law Lambert Maguire and Howard Glazer, M.D.; and grandchildren, Amy Maureen Maguire Truong, Mandy Jeanette Maguire, Lauren Alexis Glazer and Philip James Glazer. A memorial service will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, at First United Methodist Church, 1165 N.W. Monroe Ave. Memorial contributions can be made to Benton Hospice Service or Dial-A-Bus in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.