



## Ralph Young

October 5, 1920 - November 8, 2009

Ralph Wayland Young, 89, died Sunday, Nov. 8, at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis.

"Wade" Young was born to Gracie Bell and Timon Ocon on Oct. 5, 1920, in Mount Ayr, Iowa. He grew up and attended school in Mount Ayr, along with seven siblings.

On Sept. 5, 1939, he married Helen Drake. Shortly thereafter, the newlyweds moved to Corvallis and found employment at the Pankalla hop yards.

They moved to Beiber, Calif., and then returned to Mt. Ayr, where Wade joined the U.S. Army in 1943. He served in Europe for about three years. Some of that time was spent in a hospital in Marseilles, France, after being severely wounded in combat. He was released from service in 1945, and returned to his family in Iowa.

Wade and his family then traveled back to California and then to Oregon, where he worked for many years as a lumber grader in a sawmill in Philomath. In 1959, he went to work as a carpenter in housing construction, which turned out to be his favorite employment. Next he worked as a carpenter at Oregon State University's physical plant carpentry shop, finally retiring in 1982.

Wade was an avid fisherman and gardener, and enjoyed fishing and camping with family and friends.

He is survived by Helen, his wife of 70 years; sister Dorothy Seevers of Albany; daughter Kathy McNurlin of Monroe; sons David and wife, Dyana, of

Philomath, Jim and wife, Cheryl, of Independence, and Timon and wife, Terri, of Philomath; six grandchildren, Sean, Daniel, Clint, Leah, Matt and Ben; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews and their children.

Wade was a lifelong Baptist.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today (Wednesday) at McHenry Funeral Home. Private interment services with a military Honor Guard will take place Thursday, Nov. 12, at Twin Oaks Memorial Park. A memorial service will be held at noon Thursday at First Baptist Church, 335 S. 26th St., in Philomath. The family asks that donations be made to the Philomath Volunteer Fire Department in care of McHenry Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Such a quiet man  
who did his science well  
an served the crops he love  
He never spoke of  
deeds in war  
where he had been so brave  
a real American Hero.  
I will preserve his memory as long as I live*

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**Larry Daley** - November 14, 2009 at 11:59 AM

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“ *I WANTED TO LET ALL THE YOUNG FAMILY KNOW I THOUGHT  
VERY HIGHLY OF UNCLE WADE-HE WAS A GREAT MAN AND I  
LOVED HIS SENSE OF HUMOR. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS  
ARE WITH YOU AT THIS TIME.*

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**karen curtiss** - November 12, 2009 at 09:19 AM