



Raymond Culley

February 20, 1931 - August 24, 2010

Raymond M. Culley, 79, of Corvallis died Tuesday, Aug. 24, at home after a brief battle with cancer.

He was born in Scotts Mills to James and Laura Culley and attended school in a one-room school house at Crooked Finger. At 14, he left school to care for his family after his father was hurt in a logging accident. He owned his first logging truck at age 15. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1950 and served in Germany and England as an aircraft mechanic. He was honorably discharged in 1954. Ray married Sally A. Wimer on Aug. 19, in Stevenson, Wash., and they celebrated their 55th anniversary this year. The family lived in Alsea from 1964 to 1974, and has since lived in Corvallis.

After discharge from the service, Ray began a career in the logging industry. In 1968 he founded, and continued to successfully operate, S&R Logging until 1995 when he became a co-owner in Elkhorn Timber.

He is survived by his wife, Sally; brother Charles Culley; sister Alice Hershberger; children Cindy McPhetridge (Dwayne), Doug Culley, Dennis Culley (Peggy), Kevin Culley (Janice), Kelly Culley and Kenneth Culley (Debbie); as well as 13 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, Laverne Culley, and sister, Mildred Hostetler. Ray enjoyed hunting, fishing and just being outdoors. He was well respected in the logging industry and by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

A graveside service for family and friends is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, at Miller Cemetery in Silverton. Donations can be made to Love INC.

in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.