



Richard D.

February 12, 1931 - April 30, 2008

Richard "Rich" Cox, 77, of Corvallis passed away Wednesday evening, after a bravely fought 12-year battle with Parkinson's disease.

Rich was born in Lacombe to Claude and Maxie Cox. His younger years were spent in Lebanon, where he graduated from Lebanon Union High School with the class of '48. He then attended Linfield College for one year. Rich served with United States Air Force from 1950-54 during the Korean War. After the war, he worked for Boeing Air Craft. Rich worked in various retail positions throughout his career including Davidson Bakery, Farmers Insurance and with his father at Cox Realty serving the Lebanon area. He was a property appraiser with Linn, Wasco and Benton counties and retired from the Benton County Assessor's office.

Rich married Rita Lucero in 1953. They had three children, Rick Cox, of Seattle; Roxanne Tancredi, of Las Vegas, Nev.; and Brian Cox and his wife, Kim, of Laguna Niguel, Calif. They later divorced.

Rich married Evelyn Crover on July 3, 1966, in Reno, Nev. Rich and Evelyn enjoyed 41 years of marriage. They had three children, a son who died at birth; Deborah Cordero, of Philomath; and Darren Cox and wife, Sherry, of Corvallis.

Grandchildren include Kim and husband, Jeff Adams, of Seattle; Jason and Kaily Cox, of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; RubyMae Cordero, of Philomath; and Samantha, Meliyah, Gavin, Tyler, Dominic and Haley Cox, of Corvallis; as well as two great-grandchildren Elijah and Silas Adams of Seattle. He is survived

by his wife, children and grandchildren.

Rich enjoyed camping, fishing and hunting with his family at the family cabin on the Metolious River. The cabin was built by Rich and his father, Claude Cox, in the 1940s. He also enjoyed spending time at Clear Lake and on the Oregon coast. Rich was a member of First Baptist Church in Corvallis. He was also a member the Santiam Fish and Game Association which was entrusted with overseeing Clear Lake.

Viewing will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 6, at McHenry Funeral Home. A family graveside service will follow at 11:30 a.m. at Twin Oaks Memorial Gardens, 34275 Riverside Drive.

To celebrate his life, the family invites the public to join them at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 125 N.W. Monroe Ave. Donations can be made to OHSU Parkinson's Center of Oregon Research care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St. Corvallis, OR 97330.