



Robert Cain

March 12, 1917 - November 19, 2008

Robert Farmer Cain, 91, died on November 19, 2008. He was born in Winona, Idaho on the Nez Perce Indian reservation to Roy and Axie Cain. He is survived by his wife, Alice Campbell Cain, whom he married in 2004.

Survivors of his first marriage to Ethel S. “Jackie” Cain, who died in 2002, include daughters, Sue Berklund (husband John) and Ann Dickerson, both of Corvallis and son, Robert Roy Cain (wife Susan) of Ashland. He had seven grandchildren – Julie White, Janette Staten, Johnnie Freeman, Lesley Gaines, Lynn Richmond, Moira Cain and Cashel Cain and twelve great grandchildren - Shayne, Emmitt and Shyane White; Emma and Seth Staten; Cassidy and Macy Freeman; Spencer and Benjamin Gaines; and Lilly, Grace and Heston Richmond.

Bob was raised in Texas, which provided him with story material for his whole life. He graduated from Texas Technological University as well as Texas A & M University (Aggies). He served in the US Navy as Captain of a PT Boat stationed in the Pacific during World War II. Upon completion of his military duties, he soon moved to Corvallis to pursue a PhD in Food Science. Upon completion of his degree Bob stayed to continue his research and teaching. He was not only an excellent teacher but a dedicated researcher. His primary focus in his later career was maraschino cherries and he was an officer in the Northwest Cherry Briners Association for two decades. He retired from his professor position in 1989.

Bob enjoyed traveling overseas, often in a trailer. He visited Mexico, New

Zealand, Australia and Europe and explored Oregon thoroughly. He was active in Boy Scouts when Rob was young and loved to fish in the various rivers around Oregon, including the Alsea. He continued to stay up to date on the latest news until his death. His humor and curiosity will be missed by all. Memorial donations may be made to the Bob and Jackie Cain Scholarship Fund at the OSU Foundation. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 pm Monday, November 24th at McHenry Funeral Home 206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR.

Tribute Wall

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*“ I was Food Science student at OSU from 1954 to 1958 and Bob was a loved and respected mentor of mine for 4 years. The great memories of Bob Cain will last a lifetime
Charlie Cook*

Charles Cook - November 24, 2008 at 06:11 PM

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“ We were so sorry to hear of your Father's death and know that he will be missed by many. Our thoughts are with you and your family

Cynthia & Randy Bream - November 24, 2008 at 11:48 AM

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“ Dear Ann and Sue and family, I'm so sorry to learn of your loss. Please know I'm thinking of you at this time. My sincere condolences to you all. Love, Sandy

Sandra (Hunt) Stevens - November 22, 2008 at 02:41 PM

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“ Very sorry for the loss of your father. Your dad was a wonderful person and a great neighbor.

Bob Konick - November 22, 2008 at 02:32 PM