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Robert Eugene Dowless of Corvallis passed away peacefully Saturday, March 22, at age 79. He was born June 18, 1928, in Santa Ana, Calif., to Carl Elisha and Hazel Taylor Dowless.

Bob graduated from high school in Santa Ana and enlisted in the U.S. Army on Sept. 4, 1946. He served in Seoul, Korea, as a medical technician and later for the Armed Forces Radio Network as a disc jockey. He was honorably discharged Oct. 9, 1948, after attaining the rank of sergeant.

He married Marie “Mary” Theresa Dowless on Aug. 23, 1958. Their son, Michael Robert, was born Oct. 11, 1963. Bob worked in broadcast radio as both a disc jockey and a radio advertising salesman at KYOS in Merced, Calif., KORE in Eugene and KLOO in Corvallis. After his time in radio, he joined the Corvallis Gazette-Times newspaper as an advertising salesman and worked there until retirement.

He loved traveling with his family and always planned trips that would be interesting and educational. Big band music, photography and woodworking were some of his passions. Later in life, he compiled a family genealogy tracing his roots back to both England and Scotland.

Bob was preceded in death by his brothers, William and James; mother, Hazel; and father, Carl. He is survived by his wife, Mary, of Corvallis; son Michael, his wife, Lora; and granddaughters Mariah and Anna of Albany. He

was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be dearly missed. Visitation will be at noon til 1:00pm on Thursday, March 27 at McHenry Funeral Home. A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 28, at McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis with interment at Oak Lawn Memorial Park and reception at St. Marys Church to follow.