



Robert Hoffman

September 23, 1918 - July 29, 2009

Robert followed Susie, his beloved wife of 60 years in death on July 29, 2009. He was born in Gaston, Oregon to Irvin B. and Vesta Johnson Hoffman. He was the younger of two sons, educated at Laurelwood Academy in Laurelwood, Oregon, and Walla Walla College in Washington State. He intended to become a writer, but WWII made him a Naval pilot and he was part of the US Naval Ferry Command, delivering aircraft throughout the United States during the war. It was said of the ferry command squadrons that the pilots could fly anything with wings, at a few hours' notice, to the four corners of the nation, Canada or overseas. During his WWII service, he met his future wife, Susie Brown Switzler, in Red Bluff, California. They married in Carson City, Nevada in November of 1948. He adopted Susie's daughter, Carolyn, and fathered Robert, Jr. and Dennis. The family followed Bob's military flying career to Florida, New Jersey, New York, and back to Oregon. Bob retired from the US Naval Reserve with 20 years of service at the rank of Lieutenant Commander. In 1958, Bob, Susie and family returned to Oregon, where Bob flew for the Jack Brandis lumber company, Plywood Products of Corvallis, and finally for Georgia Pacific as an executive pilot. Bob was a lifelong Elk who loved flying, fly-fishing, travel trailer camping in the Cascades of Oregon and Washington, and reading. Above all, he loved his wife and family. He is survived by his brother Lloyd and his wife Lorena Hoffman of Walla Walla, Washington, daughter Carolyn Staka of Sacramento, son Robert and wife Susan of Corvallis, grandson Shawn Haines of Alaska, granddaughters Cindy

Gray of Alaska and Amity Hoffman of Corvallis, four great-grandchildren and one great, great grandchild. He is preceeded in death by his son Dennis and wife Susie.

Bob expressed gratitude to the staff of the Regent Retirement Center, PS We Love Seniors Foster Care, and Benton County Hospice.

Private arrangements are thru McHenry Funeral Home of Corvallis, with internment at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Portland.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Hoffman*

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