



Walton Robbins

February 12, 1914 - December 12, 2007

Walton was born on Feb. 12, 1914, in Detroit, Mich. He was the oldest of three children born to J. Ward and Inez Townsend Robbins. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Hill Robbins, and sister Marjorie Emerson. He is survived by his youngest sister, Iva Ricks of Bath, Mich.; daughter Mary Ann Murphy and husband Mike of Lansing, Mich.; son Ward H. Robbins of Beaver Creek; son Scott H. Robbins of Corvallis; granddaughter Alanna Y. Robbins; grandsons Daniel W. Murphy and Corey J. Robbins; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Walt met Mary Hill in 1939 at Detroit Publishing News. They married May 25, 1940, in Dearborn, Mich. They later moved to Clarkston, Mich., where they built a log home, raised a family, and spent their working years, Walt as an accountant for General Motors Truck and Coach, and Mary as an elementary school teacher. In 1976 they retired and moved to Sandy, where they lived 23 years on the Sandy River. Walt and Mary particularly enjoyed these years on the Sandy River. They met new friends through their love of the game of contract bridge. Walt pursued his passion of woodworking and rock and stone landscaping.

Walt and Mary moved to Corvallis in 1999. Upon Mary's death in December of 2000, Walt continued to live independently, play bridge twice a week at the senior center, and produce incredible wood pieces right up until the time of his death. He always looked forward to time he could spend with family.

Walt's sharp memory and knowledge of history and geography made him a

delight to converse with, especially if you were sharing a glass of Oregon pinot noir, which he considered Oregon's finest agricultural product. He was truly an inspiring human being. He shared so much with so many people. We will miss him. God bless.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, in the McHenry Funeral Home chapel. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Benton Hospice Service in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis OR 97330.