



William Deneau

October 8, 1914 - May 25, 2009

William H. Deneau died Friday at Stoneybrook Lodge in Corvallis.

He was born and raised in Chicago, where he attended all the Cubs baseball games. After high school, he served as a master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force in Europe during World War II. It was during the war that he met Sylvia White in England. Later, while living in Los Angeles, he sent for her and they married. She preceded him in death.

He worked in the grocery business, and enjoyed watching the Dodgers play. Upon retiring in the 1980s, he came to Corvallis. He enjoyed art, and took art classes. He liked to golf at the Corvallis Country Club, and, of course, enjoyed Beaver and Corvallis Knights baseball. On Dec. 20, 2008, he married Vera Amick.

Survivors include his wife, Vera Amick-Deneau; a daughter, Caron Johnson of Corvallis; grandchildren Kristen and Jonald Gradwohl of Corvallis, Stacey and David Zaback of Corvallis, Shelby and Lauren Stanton of Corvallis, and Andrew and Kristy Johnson of Portland; and great-grandchildren Amanda and Tolen Neufeld of Kent, Wash., Nicholas and Alexa Zaback of Corvallis, and Matthew and Jacob Gradwohl of Corvallis.

Memorial donations can be made to Special Olympics of Benton County.