



William Perry Eddy

January 16, 1919 - December 20, 2016

William Perry Eddy of Corvallis passed away on Dec. 20, 2016, at the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center.

He was born on Jan. 16, 1919, in Hoskins, Oregon, to Israel Eddy and Adillia Virginia Moser Eddy. William attended Hoskins grade school, Kings Valley High School and graduated from Lewis and Clark College (formerly Albany College) with a degree in business. While in college he met his future wife, Dorothy E. Moore, and they were married in Portland on Aug. 13, 1949. They were married for 52 years, until her death in 2001.

William worked as an accountant and comptroller, primarily in organizations associated with the timber industry, Moser Lumber Company and Albany International Industries, then with ATI Industry which specialized in new titanium technology.

William enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in June 1941. His first assignment was in San Diego, and then was sent to officers training camp in Quantico, Virginia. He was assigned to the Artillery Regiment, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine, 3rd Division. The majority of his service during World War II was in the South Pacific. His first tour was to New Zealand. He was then sent to Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Guam. He had temporary duty as naval gunfire liaison with a New Zealand Battalion assigned to take Greed Island. This was followed by

assignment to Iwo Jima. He returned to the United States and served as temporary Commanding Officer of Headquarters and Service Company at Camp Pendleton. Next, he went to Quantico, Virginia, for advanced artillery school. William went on inactive duty in 1945 and served 10 years in the Reserves, retiring with the rank of major.

William was very active in the Masonic Lodge and was Master of the Falls City Lodge and honorary Master of Mary's River 221 and Corvallis 14. He was a member for 65 years. He also was a member of Al Kader Shrine for over 60 years and participated in numerous activities to benefit the Shriner's Children's Hospital. He was a long-time member of the Corvallis Elks Lodge 1413. He had belonged to the Corvallis Garden Club and the Orchid Society. His main hobbies were gardening, raising orchids, reading, and supporting his daughter's and granddaughters' activities. He was an avid fan of the Northwest Banjo Band and the Hilltop Big Band.

In the 1950s, William recognized the need for stewardship of a historic area cemetery, and established the Kings Valley Cemetery Association. He was active with the group for many years.

William was preceded in death by his parents, Israel and Virginia Eddy; brother Francis and infant brother Israel; nephew Robert Eddy; and wife Dorothy Moore Eddy.

He is survived by daughter Victoria Baker; son-in-law Ted Baker; and granddaughters Heather Stueve (Kory) and Jenica Baker. William was dedicated to his granddaughters and always made them a priority in his life.

Memorial contributions may be made to the William P. and Dorothy M. Eddy Memorial Trust through the Benton Community Foundation.

A service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 30, at the Suburban Christian Church, 2760 S.W. 53rd, Corvallis, followed by a reception and burial at Kings Valley Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR

Funeral Service

DEC 30. 11:00 AM (PT)

Suburban Christian Church
2760 SW 53rd St.
Corvallis, OR 97333

Reception

DEC 30. 12:00 PM (PT)

Suburban Christian Church
2760 SW 53rd St.
Corvallis, OR 97333

Graveside Service

DEC 30. 2:30 PM (PT)

Kings Valley Cemetery
Kings Valley Hwy
Philomath, OR 97370

Tribute Wall

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“ We shall miss Bill so much, as his presence always brightened up a room. My memories of him at the Elks with his granddaughters are priceless. I will miss the hugs.

Sharron de Montigny

Sharron de Montigny - January 13, 2017 at 11:47 AM

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“ Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I was a personal friend and a neighbor of Bill's when we lived in Hoskins. I'm unable to attend his service but am thinking of the family.

E.M. (Buzz) Dunn

E.M. "Buzz" Dunn - December 29, 2016 at 05:41 PM