



## William Farley

July 23, 1923 - March 29, 2012

William Friend Farley, 88, of Corvallis died peacefully on March 29 in Corvallis, surrounded by family and friends.

William (Bill) was born on July 23, 1923, in Mountain Home, Idaho, to Frank and Clare Farley — the youngest of three children. Bill served as a radar technician in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After honorable discharge, he entered the University of Idaho in 1946. He married Elizabeth Meagher in Boise, Idaho, in June 1947 — they would have celebrated 65 years together this June.

Bill graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering and as a lieutenant in the ROTC. Upon graduation, he worked in heavy construction, such as building bridges and dams for Morrison Knutson and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. From 1961 to 1968, he also worked for Boeing Aircraft in Seattle.

In the summer of 1968, Bill and Elizabeth moved to Corvallis, where Bill held the position of university engineer for the Oregon State University physical plant. After retiring in 1985, he and Liz served in Malawi for the Peace Corps for two years.

Bill is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; his sister, Josephine Bennet of Boise; eight children; 35 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren and counting. His children are William of Spokane, Wash., Bruce (deceased), Robert of Yuba City, Calif., Thomas of Bend, Kathleen of Spokane, Josephine and F. Gale, both of Corvallis, Mary of Spokane, and Christopher of Portland.

Bill was a longtime member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis. He had many interests, including reading, watching football, gardening, fishing, RV camping, travel and rejoicing in his numerous children and grandchildren. Bill was a courageous and truthful man of the highest integrity. His word was his bond. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 4, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family suggests contributions to Benton Hospice Service, the Oregon Parkinson's Foundation or the Alzheimer's Network of Oregon.