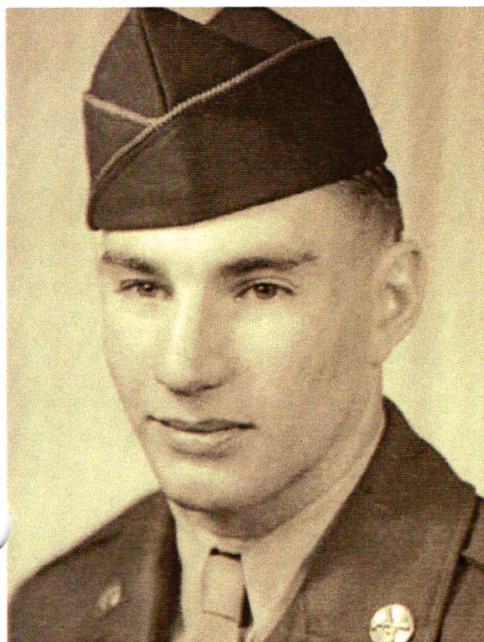


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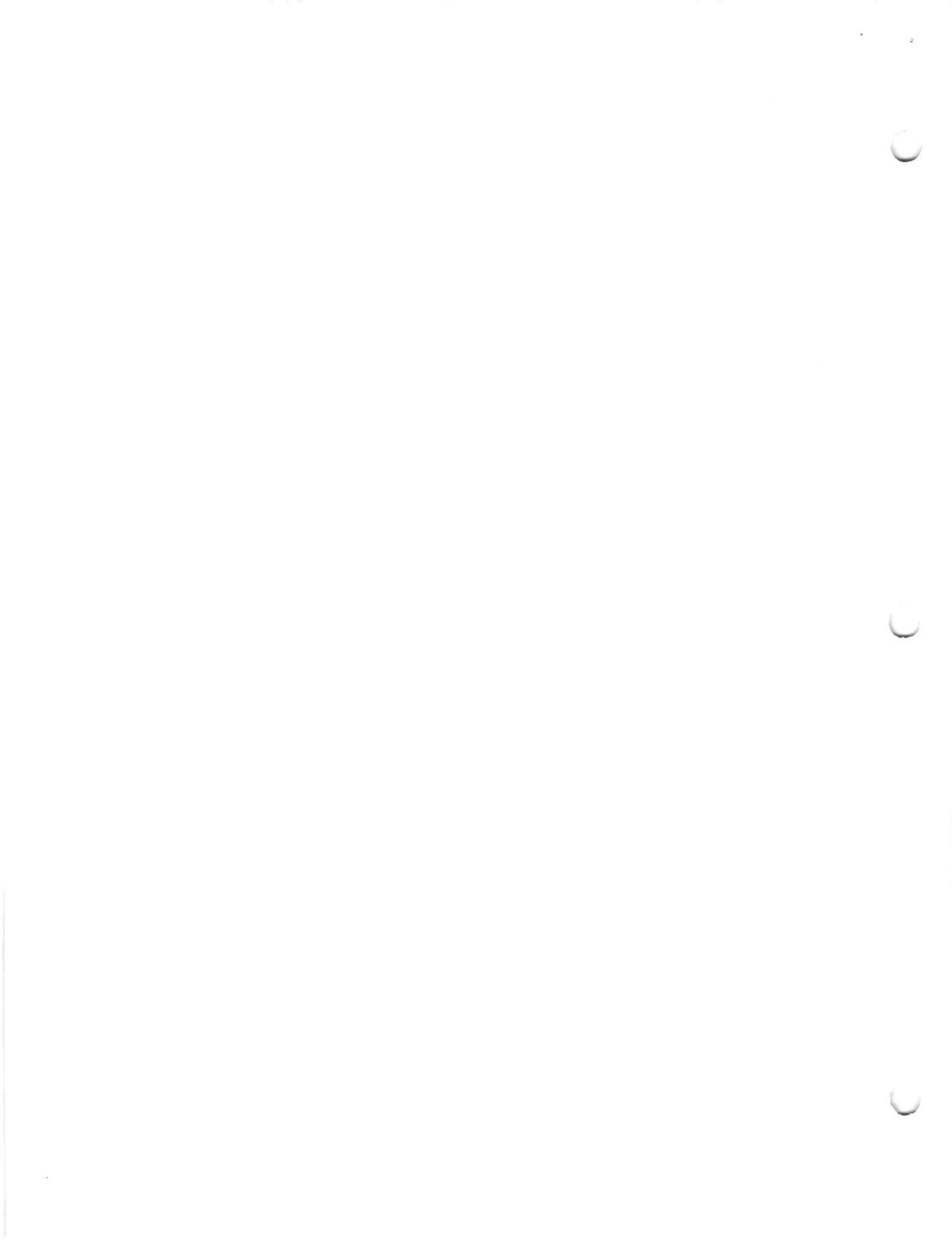


Eldon Kenneth Lilly passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at McKay Estates Assisted Living in Pendleton, Ore.

He was born to William and Doris Lilly on August 7, 1927, in La Grande, Ore. In 1945, Eldon graduated from Boardman High School, Boardman, Ore. He was known for his athletic accomplishments at the state level during his time in high school and college. Eldon attended OSU in Corvallis, Ore. In 1946, he was drafted and served in the United States Army. After the Service, he entered Eastern Oregon College, La Grande, Ore., where he received his teaching certificate and later received his Masters of Science Education through the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho.

Eldon married Maxine (Ely) August 28, 1949, in Boardman, Ore. They lived in La Grande where Eldon taught at the elementary, junior and high schools over a span of 18 years. The family relocated to Pendleton with their children, Jim, Jan, Jay, Jerry and Joyce, in 1967.

Eldon retired in 1987 after over 30 years of teaching and coaching. He touched many lives through his dedication and passion for students to succeed in the classroom, on the football field, basketball court, track, and in the Driver's Ed program. He loved to hunt and fish with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, in addition to gardening and supporting his family in all their interests.



He is survived by his children Jim Lilly (Kennewick, Wash.), Jan (Brett) Cook (Pendleton, Ore.), Jay (Donna) Lilly (Central Point, Ore.), Jerry Lilly (Boise, Idaho), and Joyce (Doug) Barak (Hermiston, Ore.); grandchildren Whitney Lilly, Paige Lilly, Holly (Blake) Starr, J.R. (Cynda) Cook, Jennifer (Dan) Fitch, Kristen (Ben) Kennedy, Dustin (Jamie) Lilly, Aubree Lilly, Jared Barak and Nathan Barak; great-grandchildren JR Starr, Connor Cook, Addyson Cook, Peyton Kennedy, Kinley Kennedy, Jaydon and Gage; and brothers Bob Lilly (Hermiston, Ore.) and Richard (Barbra) Lilly (Yakima, Wash.).

Eldon was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Maxine Lilly, and his parents.

A graveside service for both Eldon and Maxine Lilly will be held on July 8, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

A Celebration of Life for both will take place at the Pendleton VFW Hall, 1221 S.E. Court Place, Pendleton, Ore., immediately following the graveside service.

Arrangements are being handled by Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com

Memorial contributions in his memory can be made to the VFW Post #922 in care of Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801.

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