

# Robert 'Bob' Valencia Sawalish

Pendleton

August 7, 1922-September 13, 2014

Robert "Bob" Valencia Sawalish, 92, of Pendleton died on September 13, 2014, at his home surrounded by his family.

Bob was born on August 7, 1922, in Astoria, Ore., to Lee Alfred and Jessie (Adamson) Sawalish.

Bob attended school in Astoria, Ore., graduated from Astoria High School, and was accepted into the Engineering School at Oregon State College. His junior year he was selected by the United States Navy to attend the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. He graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering from the Naval Academy and was assigned to USS New Orleans in the South Pacific Theatre. After the war in the Pacific wound down he was released from active duty and enrolled in the University of Colorado to pursue a master's degree in mechanical engineering.

His parents relocated to Pendleton, Oregon, after his father retired from JC Penny Co. Unable to stand retirement, his father opened a hardware store in Pendleton in 1939; he partnered with a family friend Doyle Zimmerman and created Zimmerman & Co. Bob has been a resident of Pendleton since 1939. In 1953 Bob became a partner with his father in the business and became sole owner after the death of his parents. Later, son Jim and daughter-in-law Judy became co-owners along with his grandson James Lee Naughton. Jim, Judy and James Lee became sole owners earlier this year.

Bob worked with his father and mother in the store when on vacation from school. During one of his vacations he met Barbara Connor Naughton, a young war widow. They were married March 23, 1947, in Pendleton, Ore. After they were married he adopted her son James Leslie Naughton. He was welcomed into not only his wife's family, but by his son's extended family. Jim's aunts and uncles introduced him as their "brother-in-law."

Bob is survived by his son, James Leslie Naughton and wife Judy, Pendleton; grandchildren Cynthia L. Naughton, Pendleton, James Lee Naughton and wife Madelyn, Pendleton, Kathleen L. Naughton and husband Joe Neer, La Grande, Robert L. Naughton and wife Beth,

Pendleton, and Richard L. Naughton and wife Niki; great-grandchildren Kylee Naughton, Riley Neer, Daniel Naughton, Grady Naughton, Grace Neer, Julia Naughton, Cassidy Ann Naughton, Isabelle Neer and McKenna Naughton; and his constant companion "Fritz" the wonder dog. Fritz looked after him right up to his last day.

He was predeceased by his parents, Lee A. and Jessie Adamson Sawalish, and his wife Barbara L. Sawalish.

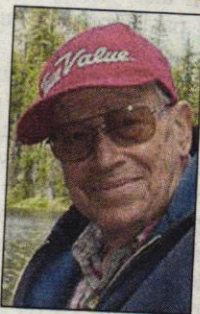
Graveside service Friday, September 19th, Olney Cemetery, 2:30 p.m. Informal gathering at the Pendleton Elks Lodge for friends and family following the service.

Bob was blessed with good health and a short illness. On the day he entered the hospital he had been at Zimmerman & Co. visiting with friends, waiting on customers and solving problems.

He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, former Elks member, Rotary, Umatilla County Sheriff's Reserve (Search & Rescue pilot), Pendleton Airport Commission member, Boy Scout leader, and Main Street Cowboy's Tenderfoot of the Year. He was a private pilot and owned three helicopters, including an experimental helicopter that he built in the hardware store warehouse. He was happiest working, solving problems, telling fishing and hunting stories or enjoying his time fishing and hunting in the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon. His favorite places were lakes in the Elkhorns and the Wallows. He enjoyed sharing his fishing and crawdad trapping techniques with whomever would listen. He was always the center of attention at all the family gatherings, saying grace at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and sitting at the head of the table at all the family events.

A special thank you to Dr. Norm Sitz, and Bob's caregivers Denise Carlson, Kathy Weatherspoon, Angela Boston, Riki Lively and Bobby Bushman.

Remembrances in lieu of flowers may be made to the charity of your choice or the Arts Council of Pendleton, c/o Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801.



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# Oregon home care

long-term care to people who are poor or disabled.

The Department of Labor ruled that the state of Oregon is a third-party employer of the workers because the state pays the bills. That means, starting Jan. 1, workers who exceed 40 hours a week must be paid a higher overtime rate, even if no single client exceeds 40 hours. Workers who serve multiple clients on the same day also must be paid while driving between them.

About 80 percent of consumers won't be affected by the new rules, said Mike McCormick, director of the office of Aging and People With Disabilities at the Oregon Department of Human Services. Of the people who are affected, most are receiving round-the-clock care, often from a relative who lives with them.

Complying with the rules will require changes to the way the state delivers services to the affected consumers, as well as how it tracks

hours worked by providers. State officials hope to negotiate policy changes with the Service Employees International Union, which represents state-funded home care workers, representatives of clients, and officials from the legislative and executive branches.

Potential solutions could include reducing the hours of service for some individuals or divvying them up among multiple providers. That might require people now receiving care from a family member to have new, unrelated providers get involved, Kitzhaber noted in his letter to the Labor Department.

McCormick said it's too soon to know what route the state will go. Policy changes will ultimately have to be approved by federal officials.

"Our goal is to make responsible program modifications that have the least impact possible on both providers and consumers," McCormick said.

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**t two horses that were seized and sent to the Buckly five years ago.**

horses at her sanctuary have never been the target of animal abuse charges.

While local cats and dogs see their share of abuse, Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter office manager Teresa Hull said the Round-Up City is better than other areas of Eastern Oregon.

Hull said the Pendleton Police Department does a good job of policing abusive owners and delivering those animals to the shelter.

And while any given day could see the shelter hit its capacity, Hull said the well-funded Oregon Humane

Society in Portland often arranges to take surplus dogs and cats off of their hands, keeping kennel numbers low.

Even with favorable conditions, Hull said receiving abused animals can make the job frustrating.

"We usually just see the end result," she said.

The "end result" of McLaren's case will be resolved by a six person jury at the Umatilla County Circuit Court Oct. 29.

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