



Obituary

Born: Thursday, April 8, 1926

Died: Saturday, August 20, 2011

Bernard F. "Bud" Thompson – a Pendleton resident, passed away on Saturday, August 20, 2011, at a local care center. He was 85 years old. Per his request there will be no service. In the celebration of Bud's life, remembrances may be made to the Oregon Telecom Pioneer Scholarship Fund c/o Rita Daggett, 10703 NE Shaver, Portland, Oregon 97220. Disposition was by cremation, Burns Mortuary of Pendleton handled arrangements. Mr. Thompson was born on April 8, 1926 in Maryville, Missouri, to John and Mary Callison Thompson. He moved with his family to Seaside, Oregon, and attended school until he joined the U.S. Navy in February of 1943. He was stationed at Farragut, Idaho, and Chicago, Illinois, before serving in the Pacific Theatre at the assault on Pellililu. He received an honorable discharge as a Motor Mechanists Mate, as well as an Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal, a World War II Victory Medal, and the American Area Campaign Medal. On his return from military service in February of 1946, he spent some time in Taft, Oregon now Lincoln City before making his way to Pendleton, Oregon, to work for Pacific Northwest Bell Company. He was employed there first as a Lineman, then as an Installer and Troubleshooter, and finally as a PBX-Teletype Installer. He once told his children who then laughed that they would "have machines on our desks to help do our homework, and telephones to our ears while walking down the street". He retired from the telephone company after 35 years of service. He met Dorothy Dooley Thompson when she was a Nursing Cadet in training at St. Anthony Hospital, and they married on April 2, 1948. She worked all of her career at the clinic - which doctors Brennan and Bittner established. Mr. Thompson was an avid fisherman, hunter, boater, camper and motorbike rider. He taught his children how to respect the land, to partake of its bounty and beauty, and to tread lightly on the wonders of nature. He belonged to the Oregon Telephonic Pioneers and helped with the many camp-outs and barbeques which they sponsored. Bud is survived by his wife of 63 years Dorothy Thompson, his children: Louise, Mike and Jerry, daughters-in-law Janice Wyland Thompson and Karen Gould, four grandchildren: Joshua, Alison, Jacob and David, sister-in-law Betty Thompson, and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his older brother Jack, and a number of aunts and uncles.

Service Summary

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