

Jim H. Rainwater Jr.

James "Jim" H Rainwater Jr., 74, who grew up in Pendleton, died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2000, at his home in Gold Beach of cancer.

At his request there will be no formal funeral services.

Mr. Rainwater was born Aug. 14, 1926, in Montrose, Colo. He grew up in Pendleton.

During World War II, he served with the Army Air Force and was involved in the "Manhattan Project" at Los Alamos, N.M. After the war he returned to Oregon and attended Eastern Oregon College at La Grande. After graduation he went to work for Pacific Power and Light Company, retiring after 35 years while living at Klamath Falls. In 1985, he and his wife, Shirlie, moved to Gold Beach to live on property they had purchased earlier for their retirement years.

According to family, Mr. Rainwater's zest for life drove him to master any subject he found interesting. He was always the first to adopt new electronic gadgets. Computers became a passion and were only overshadowed by his love of watching his favorite sports on TV. He was an avid golfer and while in Klamath Falls, he was president of Reams Golf and Country Club. He loved the outdoors, and enjoyed fishing and working on his property. He was always involved in his community and had been a member of Jaycees, Lions, Kiwanis (he was awarded the Legion of Honor for 25 years of service), and the Elks Lodge where he was a 45-year member. For the past 10 years, he and his wife had traveled to each of the 50 United States, usually in their RV.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Shirlie; sons, Robert and Brian; daughter, Lynn Davidson; eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; a sister, Raedell Nurmi; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ina Leslie, his father, James H. Rainwater Sr.; brother, Gerald, and sister Dixie.

Memorial contributions may be made to Curry County Home Health/Hospice, P.O. Box 746, Gold Beach, OR 97444, or to a charity of choice.

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