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Charles George 'Chuck' Honey, 80, died Monday at his home in Corvallis.

He was born on April 7, 1933 in Eugene, and was the son of Sydney Honey and Lavina Raymond Honey.

Chuck grew up in Eugene, where early in life he developed an interest in the outdoors, woodworking and carpentry. While in high school he worked on a survey team for the Lookout Point Reservoir and helped clear tree stumps to create ski runs at Willamette Pass Ski Resort.

After graduating from Vocational School in 1953, he worked building cabins at Odell Lake before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force. After leaving the service, Chuck attended Oregon State College, (now Oregon State University), majoring in industrial arts.

While in college, young Chuck heard of an OSU coed manning a Forest Service fire lookout tower in the Cascade Mountains for the summer. He made the bold move to hike up to the tower to make her acquaintance and had the good fortune to meet Kathryn Copp, who would later become his wife. Chuck and Kathryn married on Jan 1, 1956.

Chuck graduated from OSU in 1958 with a degree in industrial arts and was elected to Epsilon Pi Tau, the industrial arts honorary. In that same year, Kathryn received her masters of home economics degree.

After graduation, Chuck started his career as an industrial and vocational arts teacher, starting in Mill City, followed by Dallas High School. He finally taught in the Corvallis School District for 23 years, first at Corvallis High School and then at Crescent Valley High School, from when it opened in 1973 until his retirement in 1990.

In 1986, he was named the Oregon Industrial Arts Teacher of the Year and was the first teacher in Oregon to integrate computers into a high school drafting class.

Between teaching high school full time and working evenings and summers as a carpenter, Chuck was an avid snow skier and was an instructor certified by the Professional Ski Instructors of America. Over the years, he provided ski instruction at Mt. Bachelor, Hoodoo and Ski Bowl ski areas-an avocation enjoyed by the whole family.

Chuck retired from teaching on a Wednesday and on Thursday went to work for a local home-builder as a finish carpenter, his fine craftsmanship apparent in many homes in the area. Also during this time, Chuck began taking flying lessons, earning his pilot's license and obtaining both an instrument and multi-engine rating. He also service on the Corvallis Airport Commission.

He was an enthusiastic Life Member of the Elks Lodge, and truly appreciated the camaraderie and social interaction that the lodge provided.

Chuck was preceded in death by his father, Sydney Honey; and mother, Lavina Raymond Honey, of Eugene.

He is survived by his brother, Sydney Gerald Honey of Seattle, WA; his wife, Kathryn Honey of Corvallis; his son, James (Lynn) of Corvallis; son, Brian of Atlanta, GA; daughter, Debra (Jim) Zeller of Corvallis; six grandchildren, Emily Honey, Alex and Vickie Zeller of Corvallis, Charles and Christina Honey of Atlanta, and David Zeller of Washington D.C.

At Chuck's request, the family will have a private memorial ceremony at his home.

Remembrances can be made to the Corvallis School District Foundation

(cpsfoundation.org) in support of career technical education courses or the the Elks Lodge Scholarship Fund:

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