



Charles Kipper

June 29, 1922 - July 3, 2016

Charles Harold Kipper 6/29/1922 – 7/3/2016

Charles Kipper passed away in Corvallis on the morning of July 3, 2016 with family by his side. Charles was born on a farm near Clark, Missouri June 29, 1922, the fifth child of Charley and Leta Belle (Sebastian) Kipper. Charles lost his parents early in life. His foster family of Ewing, Missouri was influential in his early years. Following high school, Charles proudly served in the Civilian Conservation Corps in Winona, Minnesota as a medic. With the outbreak of World War II, he enlisted in the United States Navy in St. Louis, and did his basic training at Navy Pier in Chicago. Charles was stationed at Alameda Naval Air Station where he led an aircraft maintenance crew. He also managed the Naval Base's championship baseball team. While on leave from northern California, Charles took a trip to Philomath to visit his Uncle Jesse and Aunt Eva (Shroyer) Kipper. On this trip he fell in love with the Willamette Valley, where he made his home for 70 years.

Charles enrolled in Oregon State College in 1946. As a student he worked summers in the forest for the Shroyer family logging company. He graduated from OSC in the great class of 1950 as a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi with two degrees, both Bachelor of Arts and of Science in Education. Charles met a graduate student, Virginia Carlson, at OSC also in the class of '50, receiving a Master's in Home Economics. They were married on March 26, 1952 at the First Presbyterian Church where they remained life-long members. Charles continued his formal education, receiving his Master's Degree in Education from OSC in 1955. Also that year they moved into their new home in the Cloverland Village subdivision in north Corvallis. In the first house on the block they welcomed their first son Robert, to be followed by Richard, and then daughter Janet. Many cherished family events would take place at the house on 29th street for 55 years.

After serving as office manager for Mater Machine Works, Charles began his long and successful career in education, first at Philomath and then Corvallis School District. He taught mathematics with a particular interest in statistics and probability which served him very well in his passion for card games ... any card game. At the time of his retirement from Corvallis 509J, Charles was the district's Comptroller. During summers Charles

performed audits for numerous school districts working for the CPA firm of Lou Ramus. He was also an IRS Enrolled Agent with many loyal tax clients.

Charles was inquisitive and a lifelong learner. In his fourth decade he learned to swim and became a regular early morning swimmer where he made many good friends, first at the Benton County Family YMCA and later at the Osborn Aquatic Center. Charles was an avid sports fan beginning with his beloved St. Louis Browns and Cardinals, culminating with Oregon State Beavers. His wardrobe included much orange and black apparel. Charles was active in Kiwanis International and was a member of the Corvallis Country Club. Retirement led to travel, visiting every land-grant college in the United States as well as many trips abroad. Charles had a great love of family and could recite from memory the names of his many nieces and nephews from Idaho, Texas, and Missouri, with descendants now all across the country.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Minnie, Marie (Besel), David, and Opal (Thornborrow), foster sisters Bessie, Effie, Eva and Pauline (Goins) Zuspahn, Cousin Louis (Marge) Kipper, and sister-in-law Swannie Carlson.

Charles is survived by his wife Virginia, two sons, Bob (Julie) and Rick, daughter Janet, granddaughter Jaelin Shattuck, brother-in-law Ted Carlson, nephews Ted (Wendy) and Eric (Kari) Carlson, niece Judy (Duane) Hulbert, cousins Karen (Victor) Earls, and Nancy (Larry) Underhill. Charles' family would like to express their sincere gratitude to Nicholas Crowson, his devoted caregiver and to Benton County Hospice.

Family and friends are invited to the visitation/viewing Tuesday, July 12, 2016 from 1:00-2:00 pm at DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home, 815 NW Buchanan Ave., Corvallis. A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held 2:00 pm Thursday, July 28, 2016, at First Presbyterian Church, 114 SW 8th St., Corvallis. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the Children's Farm Home School, 4545 NE Hwy 20, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Events

JUL **Visitation/viewing** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory
815 NW Buchanan Avenue, Corvallis, OR, US, 97330

JUL **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM

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First Presbyterian Church
114 SE 8th Street, Corvallis, OR, US, 97333

Comments



“ I moved to Corvallis from Jesuit in 1965. Started my junior year at CHS. I had Mr. Kipper for Algebra 2, my favorite class that year I believe. HE made it my favorite class. If memory serves, I believe he became Vice Principal the next year. My most vivid memory of him is when he slowly walked around the classroom returning our most recently graded test back to each of us, rewarding many of us with a look and an appropriate wry comment to go with our grade. God, I came to love that ritual. Just to hear what he was going to say! When I scored a 100 on the first test, I don't remember that he said anything at all to me then. I was too new; he didn't know me at that point. What I do remember, and what I'll never forget, was the wry "evil-eye" look he gave me, like "I'm going to keep my eye on you to see if you can do that again." I came to love him as a teacher and always loved it when we would happen to cross paths in the hall. One more thing. He was the first person I ever heard use the phrase, "PERISH the thought!" I loved that, his ability to use the language like that. He came to also inspire and stimulate my own greater awareness and creative use of vocabulary. I went out of state for college and ended up on the east coast for many years, not returning to Oregon until 1992. One of my regrets is that I never had the opportunity to come back to tell Charles how much he influenced me. He became one of the gems of my high school memories. Godspeed, Charles Kipper. If I end up nearly as inspiring to my three sons as you were to me, I will feel I was a success..

Blaine Vincent - September 14, 2016 at 08:23 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Charles' family. Loved visiting our "Oregon" family. Much love, Beth Higgins

Beth - July 14, 2016 at 08:37 AM



“ I want to extend Sympathy to the Kipper family.
Lots of fun times when we went to Galesburg. Family functions and going to Spoon River.
My Sympathy to Virginia and the whole family.
Carolyn Stamets.



Carolyn. Stamets - July 13, 2016 at 08:49 PM



“ I will always remember our trips to Corvallis to visit aunt Virginia & uncle Charles. Doug & I loved hearing stories about Dougs dad! We loved his help & encouragement when we started drying fruit! The Higgins family still talk about their trips to Oregon! All our prayers & love to your families! Doug, Sarah & Anna Higgins

Sarah Higgins - July 13, 2016 at 05:07 PM



“ Tio Carlos (Uncle Charles) was my uncle, dear friend, boss for a summer or two at School District 509J, Spanish aficionado, math tutor back in the day and a fierce ping pong competitor with whom I did battle many times over the years. We had a very special relationship forged over my 64 years. I and my family cherish our time with him and the many memories we hold dear.

Charles, we miss you but know you're with Jesus. Que te vaya con Dios!

All our love

Ted Carlson, Jr., Wendy and the Girls

Ted Carlson - July 13, 2016 at 11:41 AM



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Nicholas Crowson - July 11, 2016 at 10:14 AM



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Rick - July 10, 2016 at 10:03 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Charles' family.

I've known Charles for a long time at early morning swimming even before the Aquatic Center (YMCA). For quite some time a small group of we swimmers went out to breakfast together on Fridays after our swim.

I will remember his wonderful sense of humor, along with his caring and generous way.

He will be missed, but the world's a better place because of him.

Rest in Peace Charles,
Jacque Barrington

Jacque Barrington - July 10, 2016 at 02:21 PM



“ I enjoyed getting to know Charles at the Aquatic Center over 5 years of mornings. He was a great guy. I realized that I had met one of Corvallis' best.

Tom Taylor

Tom - July 09, 2016 at 02:50 PM



“ I had a pleasure helping Charles with his non-medical needs for a year. He taught me how to play a card game named 'Kings in the corner' and we played this game many times. He liked to play trivia games and solved countless crossword puzzles quickly. His favorite music channel was 'Easy Listening' and it became my favorite channel. I will always be grateful to Charles for being kind and understanding friend.

Olga Fry - July 08, 2016 at 09:46 PM



“ Rip Mr Kipper. You were such a dear man, great neighbor, and freind. God bless! Jim and Jackie Luttrell, and the kids.

Jackie Luttrell - July 08, 2016 at 08:38 PM



“ Always the teacher :)



Nicholas Crowson - July 07, 2016 at 11:04 AM



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Janet Shattuck - July 06, 2016 at 06:58 PM



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