



Clarence Schmidt

May 17, 1925 - August 31, 2012

Clarence Edwin Schmidt of Corvallis passed away on Aug. 31, 2012, at the age of 87.

He was born on May 17, 1925, in Corvallis. He spent his childhood growing up in Corvallis, and graduated from Corvallis High School in 1943. He was drafted into the military and joined the U.S. Navy shortly after graduation. Clarence proudly served our country in World War II as a radio control man. Upon returning to Corvallis, he met and fell in love with Verna Belle Hoseley. They were married on July 20, 1947, at Zion Lutheran Church. After they were married, Clarence attended watchmaker's school in Albany, Mo. Upon Clarence's completing watchmaker's school, they returned to Corvallis and eventually opened Meier & Schmidt Jewelers in 1958. After 34 years of business, the store closed and Clarence retired in 1992.

Clarence was a faithful lifetime member of Zion Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Verna Belle Schmidt; his mother and father, Hulda and Hugo Schmidt; and his sister, Mildred Kraft. He is survived by his sister, Gladys Meier; five daughters, Donna McKinney, Sue Rhinehart, Barb Hill, Chris Peak and Deanna LaVerdure; eight grandchildren, Tracey Meeds, Matt McKinney, Sarah Buhler, Cody, Jacob and Emily Peak, and Abby and Matthew LaVerdure; and great-grandchild, Whitney Grissom, and another on the way.

A memorial service for Clarence and his son-in-law, Steve McKinney, who passed away on Sept. 2, is set for 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at Zion Lutheran

Church, 2745 N.W. Harrison Blvd. in Corvallis.

Contributions in memory of Clarence can be made to Zion Lutheran School or to Benton Hospice Service.