



Delmar McKitrick

October 16, 1923 - April 22, 2011

Longtime Corvallis resident Dr. Delmar B. McKitrick passed away early April 22 at his home.

Del was born Oct. 16, 1923, in Omaha, Neb., to John B. McKitrick and Elsa L. Janowski McKitrick. He was raised in Omaha, Texas and Colorado. Del served in North Africa and Italy in the IV Corps Artillery during World War II. Upon his return, he helped support his mother and brother while putting himself through college and medical school. Del graduated in 1953 with a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Nebraska.

Del wed Helen E. Larsen in 1951. They were married until Helen's passing in 1999.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Myles, and sisters Lucille and Lorraine.

Del is survived by his four daughters, Lucinda McKitrick of Portland, Leslie McKitrick and her wife, Roberta Yusba, of San Francisco, Calif., Barbara Baker of Payson, Ariz., and Lisa Crawford and husband, James Crawford, of Corvallis; and grandson, Aaron Crawford, his wife, Amber Smith-Crawford, and granddaughter, Jessie Crawford, all of Corvallis.

Del began his medical practice in Corvallis in 1956, one of just a few family practitioners in the community. As a general practitioner in a small town, Del was equal parts surgeon, obstetrician, emergency room doc, orthopedist and internist. He made many a late-night house call throughout Corvallis and rural Benton County.

Del was an avid tennis player, outdoorsman and angler, tying all his own flies with surgical precision. He knew every western Oregon stream by heart, but was also particularly fond of fishing in the Queen Charlotte Islands in British Columbia. Much to the delight of his family and friends, Del was also a gourmet cook. His soups and biscotti will long be remembered.

We will all cherish his generosity, patience, earthy sense of humor, free medical advice, and most of all, his love.

A service will take place at 1 p.m. May 21 at the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan, 333 N.W. 35th St., followed by an informal reception nearby. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Doctors Without Borders.