



Gordon E. Duckworth

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Gordon Duckworth was born on December 12, 1932.

He died peacefully at his home of natural causes on July 5, 2017, at 84 years old.

He was born in Idaho, and moved to the Corvallis area as a young man.

He married Carol London in 1957, and together they raised three children.

He worked in Philomath at a lumber mill, but spent the bulk of his career at Tum-A-Lum Lumber, working first in the Corvallis building supply store, then the Albany store.

He finished his career at Independent Lumber Supply in Corvallis, retiring from there.

Gordon loved the outdoors, and spent his free time hunting, fishing, camping, and gardening. Friends and neighbors admired his fabulous vegetable garden, from which he shared generously.

His summer vacations were spent tent camping with the family, exploring the

lakes and rivers of Oregon, and passing on his love and knowledge of the outdoors.

He lived a simple, pure and honest life, and was quite content with that.

A very important part of his life was scouting. Long after his own son moved away, Gordon remained a dedicated Boy Scout volunteer involved in the local Troop 3 of Corvallis. He was infamous for his knot tying lessons among other talents, and also served many years as the District Eagle Chairman, helping scouts achieve their Eagle ranking. He was honored to be given the Silver Beaver Award, a distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America.

He is survived by two daughters and their spouses, Dan and Laura Lashley, and Jeremy and Deanna Yoba; and by his treasured granddaughter, Brandi Nolan, all of Corvallis.

His wife Carol and his son Norman preceded him in death.

A small gathering to honor his life will take place at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Shelli Cameron lit a candle in memory of Gordon E. Duckworth*



Shelli Cameron - August 13, 2017 at 06:28 PM

JT

“ *We were lucky to be neighbors with Gordon, who was always kind and friendly. His warm smile when greeting us, and our talks were highlights of any day. He was at a friend's Eagle Scout ceremony, and that was nearly 25 years ago, but I think he cracked jokes about helping this particular scout get his badge. Mrs. Lashley, I'm so sorry for your loss. He will be missed.*

Jinny & Donn Tanner

Jinny Tanner - July 21, 2017 at 07:50 PM

JM

“ Gordon was a GREAT Scouter. He was a vital member of our Scouting community for many years. My first experiences with Gordon were when he was the District Eagle Chairman. He spent countless hours helping young men attain the highest rank in Boy Scouts (Eagle). His spirit was gentle and he was encouraging to youth and adults alike. His love of the outdoors, concern for others and passion for Scouting will be greatly missed. From all of the Scouting community to your family, let us express our deepest sympathy and love. Know that we are grieving with you.

*Many condolences,
Johanna Morgan
Benton District Commissioner*

Johanna Morgan - July 10, 2017 at 01:18 PM

CA

I had the great pleasure of working with Gordon at Tum-A-Lum Lumber in Albany, Oregon back in the early 90's when I was a young man. He was a true gentleman. I often think of him and the life-lessons he taught me through the way he lived his life.

I'm a better man for having known him.

*Carlin Irish
Hampton Lumber
Portland, Oregon*

Carlin - July 11, 2017 at 05:53 PM

DM

We knew Gordon in his role as Eagle Chairman for Benton District -- I think that's the correct designation. We have four sons who completed their Eagle rank under the direction of Gordon. He attended their Eagle Court of Honor programs, even the one we held in our home for two of our sons. We certainly came to respect him and to look forward to seeing him.

The last time I had a really long conversation with him was as we were sitting next to each other at the funeral service of Hans Neukomm. That is quite some time ago. But I had short visits with him from time to time after that. He will remain in our thoughts and in our hearts because of his great love of Scouting and his desire to be of help and service and encouragement to our sons and so many others.

We are sad for your loss, but know that his life was lived so well in service to others. Nothing could be a better legacy from Gordon to our family. Thank you for sharing Gordon with so many of us.

With kindest regards,

Greg and Diane Merten and our Eagle sons Jeff, Eric, Greg and Paul. At some point we may be able to get a posthumus Eagle for our son Scott who got killed at age 16 just before beginning his Eagle project, which his two younger brothers expanded and completed in Scott's name.

Diane Merten - July 18, 2017 at 01:18 PM