



Hanyan "Slim" Kasner

July 12, 1917 - January 5, 2010

Hanyan J. "Slim" Kasner died at his home in Blodgett on Jan. 5, 2010.

Born in 1917, Slim was raised in Panora, Iowa, until he joined the U.S. Navy in 1936. He met Leone in Honolulu, Hawaii, while stationed at the Pearl Harbor Submarine Base, and they were married in Pensacola, Fla., in January 1941. During World War II, Slim served in the South Pacific, and after the war, he continued his naval career, retiring as a Chief Petty Officer in 1956.

Upon his retirement, Slim, Leone and their four children moved to the Lincoln County property they called the Shamrock K Ranch after their brand, a cursive K inside a shamrock. From 1956 until his death, Slim ran the Shamrock K.

He also drove the Eddyville school bus from 1957 to 1968, was a partner in the Corvallis real estate firm Oregon Farms and Ranches, custom-baled hay in the summer, and occasionally filled in for the shop teacher at Eddyville High School. For many years he was active in the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, the Oregon Beef Council, the Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation District, Future Farmers of America, and several 4-H clubs.

A regular at every agricultural event in Lincoln County, Slim was every inch a sailor and a rancher through and through.

Slim is survived by his wife, Leone; his children, Candace and James; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and sisters Betty Warner of Des Moines, Iowa, Johnie Wall of Panora, and Peachie Schmidt of Dorrance, Kan. He was preceded in death by his sons Michael and Patric; grandson, Andrew; great-grandson, Olyron; stepbrother, Bill; half-brothers Corky and Tom; and

half-sister, Betty.

A community potluck and celebration of Slim's life is planned for a future date.