



Harris Olson

October 8, 1909 - November 5, 2009

Harris Olson was born to Albert and Mary Grimes Olson in Red Wing, Minn., where he spent his early years. He died Thursday at Regency Park Place at the age of 100.

Harris moved to Corvallis in 1942 to work as a post exchange manager at Camp Adair. In 1944, he took a position as a teacher and coach at Corvallis High School. In his 14 years at CHS, Harris primarily taught health and physical education. He was the director of intramurals, and head coach of the track and cross-country teams.

For 29 years, Harris and his late wife, Ellen, were co-owners and administrators of the Olson Nursing Home on Southwest Sixth Street in Corvallis. Harris was also a driver training instructor into his 80s.

Harris spent the 1920s and '30s in Minneapolis, Minn. He graduated from the University of Minnesota. Through the 1930s, he was active in the Minnesota National Guard.

He met Ellen Kristofferson while she was in Minneapolis for postgraduate nurse's training. They were married Oct. 28, 1936, in Rainier, Wash. Ellen passed away in 1984.

Harris saw many changes in his 100 years. At the time of his birth, the automobile and airplane were novelties. He came of age in the Roaring '20s, and spent his early adult years living through the Great Depression.

Survivors include his sons, Bill and wife, Pat, of Apple Valley, Calif., and Carlton of Portland; daughter Carol Freeman and husband, Don, of Canby;

five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home. The Rev. James Rehley will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Benton County Historical Society, P.O. Box 35, Philomath, OR 97370.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My name is Joseph SC Ezenekwe.
Your father and mother were my landlord and landlady to me as I
went to Oregon State University.
They were wonderful people.
They were very very easy to get along with. They were like father
and mother to me. Mom used to call me and introduced me to
friends as my Dear African child.
I am really very sorry about your loss.
I know they are in heaven.
I pray to God to bless them for me.
Again my name is Joseph SC Ezenekwe
Graduated in 1976
With a degree of BS in Pharmacy*

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