



Jimmy Nordyke

June 27, 1929 - November 27, 2010

Jimmy Lee Nordyke, 81, of Eugene, formerly of Corvallis, died of complications of Alzheimer's disease on Saturday in Eugene.

He was born in Corvallis to Paul and Amy (Watson) Nordyke. He graduated from Corvallis High School in 1947, and attended Oregon State University, playing "rook" football there. He worked as a millwright for Brand "S" Plywood Corporation for 40 years. He was a past chaplain for the Corvallis Elks Lodge, and an avid outdoorsman, gardener and bird-watcher. He was a member of the National Rifle Association.

He married Shirley Jeannine Lewis on July 17, 1948, in Rainier. They were married for 62 years. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley of Eugene; sons Christopher Nordyke of Hillsboro and Mark Nordyke of Salem; a daughter, Jeannie Royster of Eugene; a brother, Ramon Nordyke of Corvallis; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A service will take place at 2 p.m. Dec. 10 at DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home in Corvallis. Memorial contributions can be made to the OSU football program or the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department in care of the funeral home.