



Larry Doyle Hearing

August 1, 1928 - May 22, 2017

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Larry was born in Portland on Aug. 1, 1928. He was raised in McMinnville by Jessie Doyle and Earl Fee Hearing, two remarkable individuals who encouraged a sense of ethics, hard work, and determination in Larry at a young age.

After graduating from McMinnville High in 1946, Larry joined the Marine Corps where he played basketball, cultivating a passion for athletics and an active lifestyle. After being discharged from the military, he obtained his Masters of Education at the University of Oregon. He then went on to marry Helen and raised three children.

Larry started his education career teaching in Valsetz, Oregon. He was one of the highest paid teachers in Oregon due to Valsetz being considered a challenging work locale due to holding a national record for rainfall. This is just one example of Larry's perseverance and determination. He continued in his career as a school principal in the Willamette Valley in both Amity and Pleasant Hill.

In 1966, Larry and Helen bought the Gables Restaurant in Corvallis. With their savvy understanding of the local clientele's needs, The Gables grew from a small quiet establishment to a landmark of the community and a successful

run business reaching down through the generations. The Hearings transformed the restaurant into a success story of the decades. Ask any former customer about The Gables dining experience. and undoubtedly the chicken bisque soup and croutons are quick to be exclaimed as the best ever tasted. The unique ambiance lent itself to celebrating major life events where couples raised their glasses to one another, diverse minds met for business, groups of friends gathered for the Beaver games in the lounge, and birthdays came with that quintessential Polaroid picture to mark the occasion. Larry and his family were proud to be the culinary cornerstone of the community until the doors closed in 2008 for a well-deserved retirement.

A staunch Beaver Booster and Rotarian, Larry was a pillar of support for his community. His unwavering support of Oregon State was matched only with his fervor and unyielding enthusiasm for the Beavers. Rain or shine, he attended countless athletic events as a season ticket holder dressed in his seemingly infinite combinations of orange and black.

Larry's active, generous lifestyle was evident in his immaculate landscaping, stubborn individuality, keen intelligence, and big-heartedness that extended from his private sphere into the entire community. To say he will be missed is an understatement, as so many came to rely on his presence as an icon of solidarity and community.

A Celebration of Life will be held 5:00 pm, Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at the Trysting Tree golf course Club house 34028 NE Electric Road Corvallis. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Larry's name to your favorite local charitable organization.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 1. 5:00 PM (PT)

Trysting Tree Golf Course Club House
34028 NE Electric Rd
Corvallis, OR 97333

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Elizabeth Hearing - May 26, 2017 at 01:57 PM

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“ Larry was someone who left this world a better place than he found it. He was also someone who always asked me "how are you doing?" That, I will always remember about him. The Gables was an institution in Corvallis where anytime you stopped in...you would always run into someone you knew. Though I missed the Gables a lot, I'm glad that Larry got to spend some time in retirement. Corvallis has lost another great one. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Hearing family.

Bob Keith

Bob Keith - May 24, 2017 at 10:11 PM

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“ While I'm sorry to hear this news, I can't help but think about what a great life he lived. A fixture of Corvallis, and Oregon State athletics for years, he will be remembered fondly by so many! My thoughts are with the Hearing family.

Tim Finnigan - May 24, 2017 at 06:06 PM

EH

“ Our prayers and thoughts go out to the Hearing family, God's Speed Larry Hearing!

Your influence will live on through all the folks you impacted like myself and my wife. We will move forward with your memory close to the heart! Everett and Krista Hartman

Everett Hartman - May 24, 2017 at 05:44 PM



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DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory - May 23, 2017 at 04:59 PM

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Privileged to know Larry. He made Corvallis a better place. A life well-lived.

Bob Beck - May 25, 2017 at 11:36 AM

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I met Larry at Timber Hill Athletic Club. We then chatted many times and I found him to be a kind, humble man who's comments were simple but deep.

I always told him how much my wife and I enjoyed our evenings at The Gables. He would graciously thank me.

Gerald Merron - July 22, 2017 at 10:00 AM