



Monte Boggs

August 11, 1924 - December 20, 2012

Monte Boggs was born in Toledo to Earl and Ethel (Worthington) Boggs. He passed away Dec. 20 in Corvallis.

Monte and his parents moved to the Boggs family farm south of Philomath in 1927. He attended Beaver Creek and Corvallis high schools until 1941, and graduated from Waldport High School in 1942. Monte joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in Waldport for the next year and a half.

In 1943 Monte joined the U.S. Army as an infantryman and served in the Pacific Theater in Saipan, New Hebrides and Okinawa, where he was wounded twice. He received a purple heart and an oak leaf cluster as a result. Monte married Mabel Kikue Shoji on Nov. 3, 1947, in Vancouver, Wash. They then moved to their farm south of Philomath.

Monte worked at numerous local sawmills, including Johnson's, McGinnis', Larson's and Red Fir. He was co-owner of Philomath Garage with Bob Sharp in the 1950s. He went to work for H&L Machine before entering the irrigation business at NW Irrigation. In 1970, Monte started his own business, Mainline Pump & Irrigation in Philomath. He sold the business in 1996 and retired a few years later.

Monte was knowledgeable enough about the history of Philomath, Benton County and Oregon to be invited to appear on multiple OPB broadcasts to share his knowledge. He was an active supporter and member of the Benton County Historical Museum

Monte was an avid rock hound and one of the founding members of the

Philomath Rock Hound Club. He also spent 29 years as a volunteer with the Philomath Fire Department.

He lived on the family farm until the past couple of years, when he moved to Stoneybrook Village in Corvallis.

Monte was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel, in July 2011. He is survived by brother Keith and wife Darlene, and nephew Steve and wife Jan of Philomath.

Services will be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Benton County Historical Museum.