



Dr. Oscar Clayton Chowning

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Dr. Oscar Clayton Chowning Jr., 87, of Albany, passed away peacefully Thursday, October 25, at home surrounded by family.

Oscar was born in Coffeyville, Kansas, to Oscar C. Chowning Sr. and Loraine Chowning.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Gayle.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 61 years, Thelma Chowning; daughter, Lori Chowning of Livingston, Montana; sons, Randy Chowning of Portland, Oregon, and Clay Chowning of Buckley, Washington; granddaughters, Megan Chowning and Taylor Chowning; grandson, Hayden Chowning; sister, Joyce Gay Miller; and brother, Jack Chowning.

Oscar attended college in Coffeyville, Kansas and the University of Kansas, Lawrence and medical school at Kansas University in Kansas City, Kansas. He served his internship at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, Oregon, then served two years in the U.S. Navy as ship doctor. Upon return to the U.S. he spent his residency at Kansas University Medical School specializing in Ear, Nose and Throat.

In 1962, he moved with his family to Corvallis to join the Corvallis Clinic, where he practiced for the duration of his career. Throughout his practice,

Oscar enjoyed helping his patients through their various health conditions. He was a skilled and talented surgeon who used surgery as a last resort. He was thought of by his patients as a kind and caring man.

Oscar was a family man, taking his wife, Thelma, and four children during summers on many camping trips to the coast as well as to the Cascades to hike and fish. Winters were spent skiing at Hoodoo, with the occasional trip over to Mt. Bachelor. Longer breaks were spent on longer trips to various ski resorts around the west. He spent fall hunting with his sons, bagging pheasants, chukar, quail, dove, ducks and geese with his Brittany spaniels and black labs.

Upon retirement at age of 65, Oscar became a full-time skier and fly fisherman, planning trips with his friends and family to all the places he dreamed of.

Family and friends are invited to his Memorial Service, 2:00 pm, Monday, December 10, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church, 114 SE 8th Street, Corvallis. Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.demossturda.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 10. 2:00 PM (PT)

First Presbyterian Church
114 SE 8th Street
Corvallis, OR 97333

Tribute Wall

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“*Dr. Oscar Chowning played a significant role in my life, and I will always be grateful for the opportunities he presented to me and his friendship! He and Dr. Jay Kent hired me as their medical assistant and Audiology technician in 1985 at the Corvallis Clinic. I had no training or experience in medical work, but Oscar said that what they needed most of all was training in Audiology, which I had. Oscar worked patiently with me, teaching me exactly how he wanted me to assist him in the office. He even allowed me to observe 2 ear surgeries in the operating room at Good Sam. After a number of years discussing the idea of adding a hearing aid dispensing service to the ENT department, he turned to me and insisted that he wanted me to take on this position. I was thrilled that he trusted me to make it happen. Oscar and I worked together for 12 years. Oscar opened doors for me. He was so supportive. He helped me to gain the confidence to start and operate the hearing aid dispensing practice, which has been my career for nearly 30 years. I enjoyed Oscar's great sense of humor. We shared our mutual love of skiing, and once met up at Mt. Bachelor to share it together. Although he could be too serious at times, when he smiled big, his eyes lit up! He had so many patients who loved him, and over the years, many would ask about him. I will miss Oscar very much!*”

Vallery Kesterson

Vallery Kesterson - December 01, 2018 at 05:44 PM

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“ *Dr. Chowning was my doctor for many, many years. He was the most wonderful, caring and funny doctor. The last time I saw him was at the Enchanted Forest about 19 years ago. I could not place him as he was not in his white doctor coat and he had a pony tail. I finally asked him his name and told him I knew him, but couldn't place him. We had a nice chat on that day. I am so sorry for your families loss, but know that he touched my life 40 ish years ago when I was a scared 5th grader, who couldn't hear the person talking next to me as He gave me back my diminished hearing. I will always remember him. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family.*

Michelle Oglesbee-Flores - November 19, 2018 at 07:50 PM



“ *Jeanne Wadsworth lit a candle in memory of Dr. Oscar Clayton Chowning*



Jeanne Wadsworth - October 30, 2018 at 02:12 PM



“ *Bill and I enjoyed the winters Uncle Oscar would stay with us in Bend for a month and ski Mt Bachelor. He would have our old dog Blanca walked, hor d'oeuvres made, wine poured and some of the dinner plans created by the time we'd get off work. i'll cherish those times forever! sending my warmest sympathies to Aunt Thelma, Lori, Randy, and Clay.*

Jeanne Wadsworth - October 30, 2018 at 01:16 PM