



## Paul Eugene Aho Sr.

June 29, 1934 - October 3, 2023

Paul Eugene Aho Sr, 89 of Corvallis, passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning, October 3, 2023 surrounded by family.

Paul was born on June 29, 1934, in Worcester, Massachusetts to Hugo S. Aho and Mae F. Aho (Brooks). He had five siblings: survived by Linda, preceded by Hugo, Wayne, Andrea, and Winifred.

Paul attended North High School, beginning his academic and athletics success. He went on to attend the University of Massachusetts after earning a basketball scholarship, thus completing a degree in Plant Pathology. He also took under graduate classes at Yale. Poised to start a career and enter romance, he married his life partner, Ruth, during March 1957 and became employed with the US Forest Service. Paul's employment took him to Portland, Oregon in 1958 to begin his family and career dreams. After bringing three children into the world, Paul jumped on a transfer opportunity to Corvallis, Oregon in 1967, a perfect small town community to raise his family. He went on to earn his Masters and PhD at Oregon State University. While employed by the US Forest Service for 26 years, he made several scientific discoveries of tree diseases and harmful fungi in our Western United States National Forests. Honorably retiring from the federal government, Paul was employed part-time, delivering official correspondence at Good Samaritan Hospital where his wife was employed.

Paul had a tremendous love and connection with the outdoors while being with his family. Some of his notable passions were: basketball, billiards, steelhead fishing, crabbing in Alsea Bay, hunting, golfing and general exploring of the Oregon mountains and coast.

Paul's blessings with survived wife, Ruth: After their marriage in 1957, they traveled west by automobile from Massachusetts along the northern tier highways/dirt roads of the United States to Portland, Oregon, beginning their first chapter together. While in Portland, they brought into the world their three successful children and later planted roots in Corvallis, Oregon during 1967. They were married for 66 years, raising their children, Lynn

Mae Edwards (deceased), Paul Eugene Aho Jr, and Roger William Aho Sr. Paul and Ruth are survived by seven grandchildren, Roger Jr, Kiffney, Jonathan, Christiano, Isaiah, Joshua and Daniel, along with two great grandchildren, Spencer and Brielle.

They both had a relentless desire of family togetherness and producing new adventures. One of their highlighted co-interests was their endless support of the Oregon State Beavers, always cheering them on while with family or friends. Together, they enjoyed bowling leagues, city league basketball outings, trips to the coast, several family nights of games and fun.

These two loving spirits will continue to be together with God for eternity and they will definitely be missed. Paul and Ruth are laid to rest at Oak Lawn Memorial Park, Corvallis, Oregon.

Ruth's Obituary Page: <https://www.demosdurdan.com/obituaries/ruth-aho-sykes/#!/Obituary>