



Rodney Vance Frakes

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Rodney Vance Frakes of Corvallis, Oregon died at his home on Friday, October 14, 2020. He was 92. He was born in Ontario, Oregon on July 20, 1930 to Wylie and Pearl (Richardson) Frakes. He married Ruby Louise Morey of Greeley, Colorado, in November of 1952. After serving as a Radioman in the US Coast Guard, he received his BS and MS degrees from OSU and his PHD from Purdue University. He had a rewarding career at Oregon State University in teaching, research and administration. He received the Elizabeth P. Ritchie Distinguished Professor award and was recognized as Fellow in the American Society of Agronomy. He held membership in Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Gamma Rho, Rotary International and other professional and social organizations. His hobbies included history, amateur radio, antique cars, auctioneering for charity and volunteer work with his wife.

He is survived by his wife, and two children, Laura Ann Dooley of Dallas, Texas; Cody Joe Frakes of Corvallis; three grand children and six great grand children. He was preceded in death by three sisters, Inez, Hesper and Willa; and two brothers, Maurice and Loye.

DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home is in charge of Arrangements. At his request there will not be a memorial service. Private internment was at the Corvallis Odd Fellows Cemetery.

If desired donations can be made to any Corvallis Non Profit.

Tribute Wall

MT

“ Mr Frakes had nerves of steel, a sense of humor, and patience. I belonged to his daughter’s Camp Fire Group piloted by his wife Ruby who was working hard at turning us into acceptable adults. . At one slumber party at about 4 in the morning, one of the girls, who played bugle, decided to go out and blow Reveille on the front lawn. We all ran out and there was Rod, patiently telling her she’d wake up the neighbors, and would she please come back in. “Oh. Sorry.” In she came.

Mary Thompson - June 23, 2024 at 03:53 PM



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DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory - October 24, 2022 at 04:06 PM

BF

“ I remember he and my Dad always renting the Abby boats that didn’t belong on a river or lake yet they were salmon fishing in the ocean. Rod was very intelligent in the agriculture business and good husband and Father. We will all go thru life with the knowledge we gained from Rod. Miss him already! Bruce

Bruce Ford - October 23, 2022 at 10:36 AM

CF

“ Cody Frakes sent a virtual gift in memory of Rodney Vance Frakes



Cody Frakes - October 19, 2022 at 09:25 PM

CF

“ Cody Frakes lit a candle in memory of Rodney Vance Frakes



Cody Frakes - October 19, 2022 at 09:24 PM

BL

“ I will always remember Rodney and Ruby's beautiful wedding picture and thinking that they were the perfect couple.

Betty Lenzi - October 19, 2022 at 08:58 PM

CF

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Cody Frakes - October 19, 2022 at 08:34 PM

GA

Good memories of special times with the Frakes

gerry appleby - October 19, 2022 at 08:53 PM

RK

Your colleagues in Crop Science remember your many contributions. As we reminisced, the one-time grand Oregon grass seed and legume varieties that you released flooded back to memory. Fawn tall fescue, Checker chewings fescue, Lucky Ladino clover, and Cascade chewings fescue. You made significant contributions to OSU, the state of Oregon and our world.

Russ Karow - October 20, 2022 at 06:56 PM

MK

A good picture of the way I remember Rod when I had the chance to visit with him at Susan's Garden and Coffee shop. I wish I had more opportunities to visit.

Mark Keller - October 21, 2022 at 10:56 PM

DH

Unfortunately, I missed my chance to surprise him at Susan's Garden and Coffee Shop, but I'll always be grateful for the significant support he gave me at Oregon State University.

dianne walta hart - October 22, 2022 at 03:12 PM