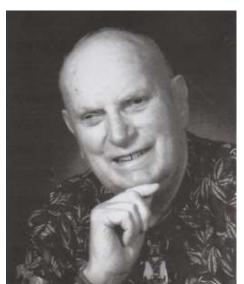
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WARREN DALE BURKETT 1925 - 2014

W. "Dale" Burkett, 89 1/2 years old, peacefully passed away in his sleep very early Monday morning, December 7, 2014. Dale, the second son of William Lafayette Burkett and Erma (Watson) Burkett, was born June 11, 1925, in La Harpe, Kansas. He graduated from Rosedale High School in La Harpe, and later attended two years at Mt. San Antonio College in California. He enlisted in the Navy and served two stints as a radio corpsman before returning to civilian life. Dale settled in West Covina, California, where he met and married the love of his life, Donna Manning, on April 12, 1952. They were happily married for nearly 63 years. The Burketts attended an Eastern Star installation in Sheridan and fell in love with the upper Willamette Valley. They moved from West Covina, California, to McMinnville 22 years ago and have never regretted the move. Dale has been a proud and active member of the Elks Lodge, the Masonic Blue Lodge, Shriners Scottish Rite, Order of the Eastern Star and the Methodist Church. He was best known for his great tenor voice and his poetry. He was well known as poet laureate for the Masonic Lodges. He thoroughly enjoyed creating appropriate poems on the spot.

Dale is survived by his wife, Donna; his older brother, Don; and a host of extended fraternal brothers and sisters. He will be cremated and his ashes will be interred at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. January 10, 2015, at Union Masonic Lodge in McMinnville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Willamette Valley Hospice in Salem, Oregon, and Oakwood Country Place.

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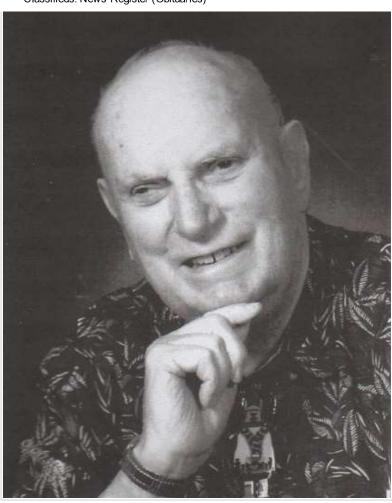


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