



Royal Del Cooley

December 14, 1923 - March 5, 2012

ROYAL D. COOLEY December 14, 1923 ~ March 6, 2012 Royal D. Cooley of Vancouver, WA, passed away on March 6, 2012. He was born in Roseburg, OR, Dec. 14, 1923 to R. Mead and Ella (Thompson) Cooley. Del graduated from Medford High School in 1941, where upon he entered Oregon State University that autumn. Del enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force cadet program in 1942, became a bombardier on B-17's flying out of England with the 8th Air Force, 1st Air Division, 303rd Bomb Group, 360th Squadron. After completing 35 missions over German held continent he was awarded the Air Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters and was eligible to wear the Presidential Group Citation Award. In September of 1945 he reentered OSU, where he met Jean Kirkwood at the OSU-UO football game. They married on Nov. 3, 1946 and were together 65 years. After graduating from OSU in 1948, Del worked in the oil and wood preserving industries for 37 years, retiring in 1985. An avid tennis player, he returned to competitive tennis and maintained a Pacific Northwest sectional ranking (Senior) for 10 years and was nationally ranked in 80-year- old Singles 2003-2004. Memberships include: Royal Oaks Country Club for 40 years, BPOE#873 (lifetime), and the OSU Chapter of Delta Upsilon. Surviving are his wife, Jean; daughter, Dr. Pennie Cooley (Orwoll) and her husband, David Orwoll of Olympia, WA; as well as grandchildren, Nina Orwoll of Olympia, WA, Danielle de la Porte of New York, NY, Brian de la Porte of Ceres, CA; and son-in-law, Phil de la Porte of Ceres, CA. He was preceded in death by three of his children, Kirkwood Cooley, Lorelee Cooley

and Cassandra (Cooley) de la Porte. Interment will be private at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

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“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your loved one. You can find comfort in the fond memories of your loved one. The Bible also offers words of comfort during times of bereavement. It is comforting to know the Bible speaks of a time when death will be no more at Rev 21:3, 4. During your time of bereavement you can find comfort from reading the Bible.

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