



Robert Allen McKeivitt

January 27, 1926 - June 16, 2020

Robert (Bob) Allen McKeivitt Sr. passed away June 16th 2020. Bob was 94 years old passing away at North Lincoln Hospital after experiencing a fall. Bob lived in his beloved Lake House on Devils Lake in Lincoln City until his passing just as he always desired.

Bob was born in Pocatello, Idaho January 27th 1926 at 3:00 a.m., the second son of William Allison McKeivitt and Lena Regina Thacker. Bobs brother was William (Bill) James McKeivitt whom passed in 2006.

Bob married his high school sweetheart Lillian (Tiny) Yvonne Jonsrud in Eugene where they both graduated from high school. Bob enlisted in the Army Air Corps during WWII and became a radio technician.

When the war ended he returned to Eugene reuniting with Tiny and they moved to what was then Oceanlake on the Oregon Coast to partner with his older brother Bill to manage the 6 movie theaters located in Oceanlake, Taft, Newport, Toledo, South Beach and Waldport. Their father William Allison passed away when they were just teenagers. While they were serving the country their mother Lena adeptly operated the theaters. Eventually the brothers separated the theaters between them. Bob took possession of the "Lakeside" in Oceanlake and the "Lincoln Theater" in Taft as well as the South Beach Drive-In Theater. When television became available and in wide use

the theater business began to decline, the true entrepreneur Bob was he turned the Taft Theater into "Linco" supply warehousing and serviced the hotel/motel and restaurant business up and down the Oregon Coast with cleaning supplies, paper goods and any other commodities they might use wholesale by the case. While managing all these businesses Bob also managed to play golf. An avid golfer all his life he enjoyed traveling throughout Oregon to play in tournaments bringing many trophies home. He played actively until he was approximately 84 years old and even then he didn't outright quit playing he would meet his friends at Tee time and play maybe 8 holes, then 5 and then 3 holes before he finally put his clubs away. Even though he wasn't going around the course with his friends he always met them on the 19th hole to hear their stories of the day's game and keep up with the gossip. It was well known that whenever he was needed for any emergency he could be found somewhere on the golf course and the Pro Shop would dispatch carts to find him. Bob was a proud charter member of the Oceanlake Elks lodge, a very social man he enjoyed making new friends and cherishing his long time acquaintances. Among the special people that were touched by Bob's life were friends of his son's who always remained loyally by his side, kept him company and enjoyed his story's. The family especially thanks Joe and Jana McFarland for their friendship care and concern and looking out for him. Friends that grew up with the lake house waterskiing and sailing from dawn to dusk. Bob and Tiny opened their home to everyone. Bobby Fisher was another very special person in Bob's life and he would light up whenever "Fisher" would stop by. To everyone that was blessed by Bob's company his spirit will always be with them.

Bob is survived by his youngest son John William McKeivitt, 4 grandchildren Jennifer Draphel, Jill Perks, Christine James, Tiana Bosma and 6 great-grandchildren Jesse James, Kai Perks, Aja Perks and Wyatt Bosma.

Preceding Bob in death were; Lillian (Tiny) Yvonne his wife (1989), Robert

Allen McKevitt Jr. his eldest Son (2006), Keith W. McKevitt his Grandson (2008) and Ruth Schaffer his partner (2019).

No service is planned. At Bob's wishes his ashes will be spread over the Eagles nest where his wife Tiny and Son Robert Jr. will always look over the lake and the family home. If you wish to send flowers and celebrate Bob's life he would like the flowers sent to North Lincoln Hospital.