



Alan John Ehry

September 10, 1941 - January 30, 2013

Alan John Ehry, 71, of Dundee died Jan 30. He was born in Corvallis, Oregon, to Anna and John Ehry. He was raised on the farm, and there he discovered the wonder of honeybees. Alan was a U.S. Navy Veteran and part of a group known as the 'Blue Water Navy', he was honorably discharged in 1962, just prior to Vietnam. He married the love of his life Marjorie Groesbeck on December 19, 1962 in Albany, Ore and they were blessed with 50 years of marriage. They launched their commercial beekeeping operation "Happy Bee Apiaries" which quickly grew to a whopping 2500 colonies. In 1965 they moved to the "house on the hill" where they raised bees and kids, and their HONEY sign has become a local landmark. Alan was a pioneer in the beekeeping industry, the first Oregon beekeeper to move bees into the almonds in California, and all the way to North Dakota. Through the years, the number of hives downsized, but the honey kept on flowing. In 1988, the couple founded Auction Masters & Appraisals, which continues today. Both of their fathers were auctioneers, so it was a natural evolution of the family business. Alan loved Oregon, his family property; he loved to build and create and learn new things; he was never fearful, always curious, and jovial as any man who ever lived. He was a helper, and a good friend. Alan Ehry loved with his whole heart. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie of Dundee; son, Christopher Ehry of Sheridan; daughters, Margie Lovell of Dundee, Bonnie King of Salem, and Peggy DenHoed of McMinnville; brother, C. Wayne Ehry of Newberg; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-four great-grandchildren, and extended family beyond compare. He was preceded in death by his sister Jean, and brother Clifford. Celebration of life is Saturday, Feb 9, 2013 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Church on the Hill, 700 N. Hill Road, McMinnville, Ore. All are welcome. Reception to follow. Attrell's of Newberg handled arrangements. Private burial of his remains will take place at a later date. Alan John Ehry

Tribute Wall

BL

“ *WOW, what a loss. I just heard about your loss today when I was at an auction in Junction City. What a shock. Bill*

Bill Lusby - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Hello Marjie, I'm so sorry to hear the news of Alan's passing. Please accept my sincere condolences. I very much enjoyed meeting you and Alan at my home on Pierce Lane and I appreciate all your help appraising my personal property items. God bless your family. Warmest regards, Bill Sunderland, Trinity and Tyan Wong Sunderland*

Bill Sunderland - February 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Margie, our thoughts & prayers are with you & your family. Even though our paths did not cross regularly, we will miss Alan's friendly greeting. He was always generally interested in our welfare & such a sincere promoter of the auction industry. He will be missed, & remembered, by so many. Sincerely, Marla & Ann Legacy Auctions*

Marla & Ann - February 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Dear family; My Mother would be very proud of your extended family and the ways that families like ours never forget each other. Mom always thought so much of Aunt Marjorie. We loved visiting your family in the hills and mountains near Corvallis. I remember going to one of your family auctions when I was just 7...How time passes but leaves us with those wonderful memories of the past. Our Father in Heaven gives life and protects our souls for the rebirth that comes to us all...He will give you all the love and support your family needs. Phil Burmeister...youngest of the burmeister's from Harlan, IA*

Philip Burmeister - February 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Very sorry for your loss. I pray that god is there to help you.*

Carol Whitman Dauenhauer - February 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM