



## Marion Michael "Skip" Breshears

February 3, 1933 - June 5, 2010

Marion Michael "Skip" Breshears Marion Michael "Skip" Breshears, 78, of Newberg, died Sat., June 5, 2010. The youngest of Ezra and Lily Breshears' eight children, he was born Feb. 3, 1933, in Seattle, and grew up on a cattle ranch in Tonasket, WA. He lettered in varsity basketball and graduated from Tonasket High in 1951. On Mar. 21, 1952, he married Shirley Shaughnessy in Spanaway, WA. After serving in the U.S. Coast Guard during the Korean Conflict, he attended Washington State University and earned an Agricultural Engineering Degree. He moved to Woodburn, OR, in 1966 to work for Birds Eye, Corp. He later joined Mackenzie Engineering Group in Portland, specializing in structural engineering associated with paper machines, and in 1986 founded Breshears/Thornton Engineering (B/TEC) in Aurora, OR. Active in the community, he participated in Marion County Mounted Posse, volunteering for search and rescue duty and competing in cowboy polo, served on the Woodburn Planning Commission during the 1970's, and consulted on building projects for Woodburn High School. In 1999 he traveled to Haiti with Mercy Corps International to work at an orphanage, and after moving to Newberg in 2001, he volunteered there with LOVE, Inc. and Faith in Action. As a life-long outdoorsman and part-owner in Minam River Lodge in the Wallowa Wilderness Area, he enjoyed hunting and horseback riding, flying, boating, and attending children and grandchildren's activities, as well as hobby farming. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Breshears of Newberg, son Larry Breshears of Woodburn, daughters Terri Lahr or Newberg, Michelle of

Gervais, and Susan of St. Paul, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandson. His parents, siblings and one granddaughter preceded him in death. A memorial service will be held Thur., June 10, at 1:00 p.m. at Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel immediately followed by a graveside service at St. Paul Cemetery. Chapel Viewing and Visitation hours are Wednesday, 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. Copy to: Newberg Graphic/ Statesman Journal Form/ Oregonian Form/ Woodburn Independent/ Ours / ba