

Edward “Jim” McVeigh

Feb. 24, 1925-July 3, 2009

Gresham resident Edward “Jim” McVeigh, 84, died Friday, July 3, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 26, at Good Shepherd Community Church, 28986 S.E. Haley Road, Boring.



Jim was born Feb. 24, 1925, in Chehalis, Wash., to Edward and Sharon McVeigh. Jim was raised in North Bonneville and in Carson, Wash. He enlisted in the Coast Guard on March 18, 1943, and served during World War II. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Area Ribbon with two stars, an American Area Ribbon, a Philippine Liberation Ribbon and a Victory Medal, and he qualified as a Shellback on Sept. 26, 1943. Jim was discharged on Nov. 20, 1945.

On July 4, 1970, he married Donna J. Heerspink.

Jim worked in machine maintenance and did everything from logging to custodial work. He retired in 1987. He loved to work outside and with his hands, and he was known for being able to fix anything with duct tape and a little time.

He was preceded in death by his son, Gordon G. McVeigh; and by his brother, Raymond C. McVeigh.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Rose Marie Holland of Vancouver, Wash., Donna Moorhead of Vancouver, Deloris Foster of Carson, Cynthia Beckwith of La Honda, Calif., Michelle McVeigh of California and Theresa J. McVeigh of Gresham; sons, Edward McVeigh of Port Angeles, Wash., James T. McVeigh of Santa Rosa, Calif., Patrick McVeigh of San Francisco and Chris J. McVeigh of Gresham; 16 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to Legacy Hospice, P.O. Box 4484, Portland, 97208; or to Good Shepherd Community Church’s Building Fund, 28986 S.E. Haley Road, Boring, 97009.

Family Memorial/Aftercare Services is handling arrangements.