



Ray Kenneth Godsey

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Ray Kenneth Godsey of Beaverton died September 28, 2012 of cancer. He was 89. Born at Rose Lodge, OR on December 10, 1922 to Miles and Alice Blinn Godsey, he was the youngest of six children.

He is survived by a sister, Melba, a son, Michael Godsey and wife Ann, daughter; Sherry Lynn Bostic, as well as 4 grandchildren and spouses; Farah Bostic, Christopher Godsey Hannah, Nicholas Bostic, Kayla Lewis Bryan and one great-grandson; James Lewis.

He graduated from Willamina High School in 1940, enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1943 and returned to the US in 1946 as a First Lieutenant in the Army Air Force Reserves. He received a degree in education from OCE now WOU, and worked as a teacher before becoming Superintendent of Columbia County schools from 1958 until 1981. During his time as an educator - and well into retirement - he helped to ensure access to education for all students, from the disabled, the talented, gifted, and the troubled, to adults and seniors, as well. He was a mentor and friend to many, and dedicated to service and innovation in all that he pursued, including his time as a member of and leader in fraternal service organizations, most recently the St. Helens chapter of the Lions Club.

A lover of technology, he taught himself to use computers, created the website for his chapter of the Lions Club, and volunteered at the Columbia Learning Center teaching seniors and students to use the computer.

An avid golfer and dancer, he and his wife Cleo, whom he married in March of 1946 were, prior to her passing in 2004, a fixture at the Greenwood Inn, where they could be seen tearing up the dance floor and chatting with the band at least once a week.

His endless good humor and boundless energy, his ability to find a friend in every stranger, his genuine love and admiration of his children and grandchildren, and his sharp intellect will be missed by those who had the good fortune to know him.



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A celebration of life will be held on October 14, 2012 from 2:30, in his condo Unit #107 at The Village at Forest Glen, 13775 Southwest Scholls Ferry Road Beaverton, OR 97008.

On-line condolences can be made at; www.columbiafh.com or www.raygodsey.com



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Anonymous posted:

Can't remember too many things anymore but I sure remember meeting Mr. Godsey when the family moved to St. Helens when I was about 11 years old...he was quite the "funny man" and I was a little surprised! Over the years he was always very friendly and kind to everyone....I'm sure there are many fond memories of him and of course your mom too.....please take care. We are sorry for your loss, Paul & Marcia Krenz###imported-begin###Marcia Krenz###imported-end###

November 6 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Ray was a blessing to all who knew him. His bright smile and positive outlook touched everyone who had the chance to meet him. He never missed a chance to brighten someone's day with a joke. He will be missed but his character will live on in those who had the good fortune to have known him.###imported-begin###Hannah Litscher###imported-end###

October 13 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

He walked into a room and brought his Ray of sunshine and smiles, greeting everyone, never knew a stranger. Many lunches at the Elks Lodge, talks of family, laughing, support and encouragement. My life has been blessed for having known you.###imported-begin###Jeanette Sharinghousen###imported-end###

October 12 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Had the privilege to meet Ray a few times. He always had a smile, brought enthusiasm for life and an interest in others. I know I will miss seeing him any time I make the trip to Portland to see Chris and Hannah. Peace be with you, Ray.###imported-begin###pat litscher###imported-end###

October 11 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Such a joy and honor to be around him my whole life. Showed me to never take life to serious and enjoy every minute with as many people as possible. Great man. You will be missed.###imported-begin###Chris Godsey###imported-end###

October 8 at 5:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

What a lovely man Ray was. How wonderful that you have so many happy memories of him. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. With love.###imported-begin##John and Kim Darby###imported-end##

October 6 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I met Ray twice so I did not know him well. The first time I met him was about 17 years ago. He had taken his grandson, Christopher, and my son, Ian, to play baseball. Baseball was not my son's game; he was a soccer player. But that day, after playing, all 3 of them came into my house and Ian excitedly asked me if he could play baseball on Christopher's team - I think Ray was coaching or assisting. Ray went on and on about what a good player Ian was Ian is sure Ray was exaggerating, but he talked Ian up and got him so excited about the game that he did play on the team that season. When I think of Ray, I recall how enthusiastic and energetic he was that day, and for most of his life as I understand it. That day he made a young man feel really good about himself and his skills even if they weren't as great as Ray said!. Thanks, Ray. We appreciate it!###imported-begin##Mary Ann Machan###imported-end##

October 5 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the 14 year old trouble maker, Ray was a beacon of hope and inspiration. He showed me that life could be full of joy and love without causing pain to others. I'm not sure if he fully knew how much he impacted my life but I do know he was a driving force behind me being who I am today. Now at 28, I have a college degree and another in progress. He always encouraged me to succeed and now I am. I miss you already, Ray. Love you...###imported-begin##Mary Sharinghousen###imported-end##

October 2 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We feel very fortunate to have known Ray. He was one of the most charming, interesting, good hearted people we have ever met. We spent time with him on many occasions, but this particular time always makes us smile: the time he came to our house for Easter and he pushed our nephew, Jacob, around on his walker all over our house. It was truly a joy watching him play with little Jacob! He will be missed. Our deepest condolences to all the Godseys and to everyone whose lives were touched by this exceptional man.###imported-begin##Amanda and dustin Kucera ###imported-end##

October 1 at 5:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ray by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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