



## We Remember

### Steve Woodard 1929-2019

Steve Woodard, 90, passed away in Cottage Grove, Ore., in September. His commitment to family, forest management, and education was evident throughout his life.

Steve was born and raised in Cottage Grove, surrounded by extended family who worked in the timber industry. At age 17, he quit high school to join the Army and serve during WWII. He was stationed in Alaska and helped with the construction of the base and airfield at Fort Richardson. After returning home, he married Helen Lionberger and together they raised four daughters. Steve worked in the woods as a choker setter, faller, and scaler before he decided that he wanted to become a forester, and in 1959, he moved his family to Corvallis to attend Oregon State University.

Steve earned his B.S. in forest management at OSU in 1963, followed by a master's degree in forest science. As a graduate student, he was hired to advise undergraduate forestry students and teach classes in forest mensuration and protection. He formed many life-long friendships with students and faculty at OSU.

After six years as an instructor and researcher at the College of Forestry, he became a district forester for the Industrial Forestry Association. His job included being a liaison for many timber companies and mills in western Oregon as well as overseeing the tree farm program in western Oregon.

In 1971, with all his daughters graduated and on their own, Steve and Helen moved back to Cottage Grove. He bought his grandfather's 200-acre tree farm from his siblings and Weyerhaeuser, consolidat-

ing ownership for the first time since the early 1950s. The two of them settled into the historic log cabin on the tree farm and began remodeling and improving the cabin and actively managing the forest. They both loved the location and lifestyle.

Steve made another job change in early 1973 as Lane County Extension forester until 1991 when he retired. He served forestland owners by teaching classes, conducting field trips, talking with service clubs, organizing tours, promoting outdoor teaching opportunities for students, and writing instructional publications. If there was a way to help people learn how to manage their forestland to meet their goals, he did it, often with the help of the many contacts he had with the forestry community in Oregon.

Shortly after the birth of their fifth grandchild in 1985, Steve's beloved wife Helen passed away. She would have been proud of his accomplishment in 2004 when he was selected as the Oregon Tree Farmer of the Year.

Steve had an ongoing interest in forestry in other parts of the world. He welcomed tour groups from many parts of the world, showing them forests, mills and forestry programs in Oregon. His six-month sabbatical was in Saltillo, Mexico, working with a college of forestry. Both before and after retirement, he helped organize and lead many tour groups from Oregon to other countries to learn about their forests and management. His second wife, Bettie, was with him during much of his international travel.

Steve was a member and Fellow of the Society of American Foresters and he served as Oregon SAF chair and Emerald Chapter chair. He was an active member of Oregon Small Woodlands Association and a member of numerous other forestry organizations that are dedicated to the stewardship of forests, forest research, or forestry education. He served as a director on many boards over the years, including Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Keep Oregon Green, and Eastern Lane Fire Protective Association.

His impact as a teacher and mentor in forestry started early in his life and lasted throughout his lifetime. His generosity and love of learning was infectious, shared and appreciated by the hundreds of people that

he worked with over many decades. Steve's final gift to science and education was at the time of his death by making a "whole body donation" to OHSU.

Survivors include daughter Patty of Carnation, Wash.; Brenda of Drain, Ore.; Shelly of Houston, Texas; and five grandchildren as well as his wife Bettie, Cottage Grove, Ore., and her three children and her eight grandchildren.

### Bob Schramek 1932-2019

Robert Wayne Schramek passed away peacefully on August 26, 2019, in Port Townsend, surrounded by family.

On October 12, 1932, Bob was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Frank James and Clara Schramek.

Bob was a creative child, with a natural talent of drawing, sculpting, carving, and painting. In Minnesota, outdoor sports rule. He learned to ski, ice skate, snowshoe and ski jump in the local city parks. The family was full of dedicated sport hunters, so Bob learned to duck hunt early. Later, the hunting expanded to deer in northern Minnesota. However, fishing was his passion. He learned to tie his own flies, build his own canoe, and paint many pictures of nature.

Bob carried this love of nature his whole life. Bob graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1954 with a degree in forestry and started his career with the United States Forest Service.

Bob came to the Olympic National Forest in 1954 and was stationed Quilcene. At that time, Bob met and married Dorothy Preston in 1955, and they experienced 64 years of marriage.

With his career as a forester, the family moved from Quilcene to eastern Oregon, to Ellensburg, to McKenzie River, Oregon, to southwestern Virginia, and then Colorado and California. Bob retired in 1986 and moved to Eugene, Ore., and then to Port Townsend in 1990.

Robert was a member of the Masonic Lodge for over 50 years. He belonged to the Society of American Foresters and was active in the Puget Sound Chapter.

Bob is survived by his wife, Dorothy; three daughters; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. ♦



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