



We Remember

Thomas Maness 1955-2018

Thomas Maness, the Cheryl Ramberg-Ford and Allyn C. Ford dean of the College of Forestry at Oregon State University, passed away July 12 in Corvallis. He was 63.

Maness had served as the college's dean and director of the Oregon Forest Research Laboratory since 2012. He arrived at Oregon State in 2009 to serve as head of the Department of Forest Engineering, Resources and Management.

"Thomas will be greatly missed," said OSU President Ed Ray. "Under his leadership, last year the College of the Forestry was declared the second-best college of forestry in the world. Thomas' effective and strong aspirational leadership of the College of Forestry helped guide many key decisions and served to advance the university, our environment, and the wood products industry."

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Maness was dean of the college through a period of expanded fundraising and the planning and construction of the new \$79.5 million Oregon Forest Science Complex. The 95,000-square-foot project encompasses the George W. Peavy Forest Science Center as a new home of the College of Forestry, as well as the A.A. "Red" Emerson Advanced Wood Products Laboratory and Richardson Hall.

Prior to arriving at OSU, Maness' career included work in the private sector as well as higher education. He spent a decade in private industry as a research engineer focusing on forest planning and optimizing manufacturing within sawmills.

In 1994, Maness founded the Canadian National Centre of Excellence in Advanced Wood Processing at the University of British Columbia and led the design and implementation of an award-winning undergraduate manufacturing technology program. Working closely with industry, he conducted research in sawmill optimization and real-time quality control systems. In 2004, he founded the British Columbia Forum on Forest Economics and Policy, and during his academic career conducted research in forest policy, land-use planning, and sustainable forest management.

Maness earned his bachelor's degree in forest management from West Virginia University; a master's in forest operations from Virginia Tech; and a PhD in forest economics from the University of Washington.

Thomas is survived by his wife Nicole, his children Christopher and Kate, and his grandchildren Emma and Luca. Notes and cards for his family may be sent care of Adrienne Wonhof in the College of Forestry

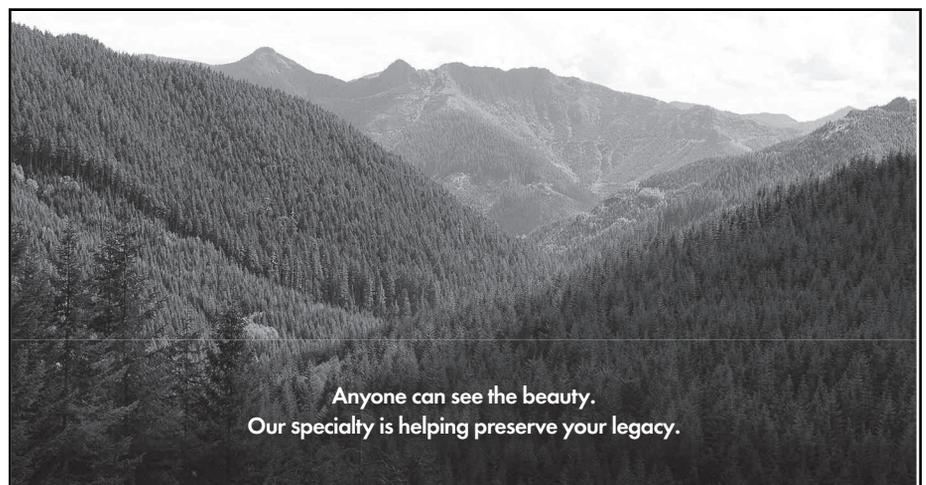
Dean's Office, 109 Richardson Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331.

A Celebration of Life is planned for September 18 at 5:00 p.m. at the OSU College Research Forest. For details and to RSVP, visit www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/thomas-maness-celebration-life.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Thomas and Nicole Maness Memorial Scholarship Fund to support outdoor education opportunities for historically underrepresented youth. Contributions can be made by check to "OSU Foundation" at 850 SW 35th St., Corvallis, OR 97333; specify in the memo line that the donation is "In memory of Thomas C. Maness." You can also contribute online at www.osufoundation.org. Contact Zak Hansen at 541-231-2266 if you have questions about donating.

Edie Neff 1920-2018

Edith June Converse Neff was born December 5, 1920. Edie was raised by her grandparents and mother in Amherst, New Hampshire. She attended the University of New Hampshire and wanted to become a forester, but at that time she wasn't allowed to major in forestry. So, she majored in botany and earned her Master's. While at UNH she met and later married Allen Neff. She and Al had five girls and one boy. They moved west to Salem in 1957 when Al started work for the state of Oregon. Later they lived in Coquille for 10 years before moving back to Salem in 1972. Edie was a Girl Scout leader for all of her daughters. After moving back to Salem, Edie began providing child care for many families in



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the south Salem area. In 1974 they began to welcome people into the family from various exchange programs. Shortly after Al's retirement they traveled to Argentina, Japan, and Peru to connect with exchange families. Their favorite place to visit was Hawaii, where they lived while Al was stationed there in 1952. Edie was an SAF member, participated in Capitol Chapter events, and was a frequent annual meeting participant. In 2013, she was awarded the OSAF Lifetime Achievement award.

Edie was preceded in death by her husband Al of 55 years. Edie is survived by Jackie Billings (Dan) Coquille, Carol Wight, Manchester, New Hampshire, Nancy Johnson (Norm) Salem, Lani Dunitan (Clyde) Bend, Richard, Salem, Sally, Salem and AFS exchange son Jorge Squier (Anne), Houston, Texas, 11 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren.

Charitable contributions can be made in Edie's memory to the American Cancer Society, UNICEF, Willamette Valley Hospice and Morningside UMC foundation, or charity of choice.

Alex Goedhard 1928-2018

Alex Goedhard, 90, passed away May 25, 2018. He was born Jan. 27, 1928, in Pasadena, Calif.

Alex attended schools in Pasadena and was an Eagle Scout. He served in the United States Air Force before continuing his education at Pasadena City College, and received his Bachelor of Science degree in forest management from Oregon State University. In 1952, while attending OSU, Alex met his wife, Dolores. They were married in 1956, and celebrated 62 years of marriage last February. Alex belonged to the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. In 1952, he pitched on the first OSU baseball team to go to the College World Series Games in Omaha and was honored and entered the OSU Sports Hall of Fame in 1992.

After college, Alex worked for a timber company in Switzerland for six months and the U.S. Forest Service before joining Weyerhaeuser Company in Longview. He worked for Weyerhaeuser in Snoqualmie, Brazil, and Corporate in Federal Way, before going to Chehalis, where he retired after 38 years with the company. When at Snoqualmie, Alex served on the Issaquah City Council.

Alex had a dedicated focus on service in many local and regional boards and associations including, Chehalis Rotary, Washington AgForestry Leadership Foundation, Centralia Providence Hospital Foundation, Centralia College Foundation, Claquato Cemetery Board, and Lewis

County Concert Board. He belonged to the Society of American Foresters and received an award for 50 years of distinguished service to forestry.

He will be fondly remembered as a loving husband and father, dedicated family man and a genuine and humble person with a keen sense of humor.

Alex is survived by his wife, Dolores; sons, Jeffrey (Cheryl), Bart (Debra) and Neil (Kristie); grandchildren, Kaese, Briana, Alex, Ava and Lars; sister, Rene Kirtley; nieces, Sheryl, Stacey, Shawna, Shayne and Alyssa; brother-in-law, Harry Backeberg (Linda); nephews, Chris and Drew.

Remembrances may be made to AgForestry Endowment Fund, 8817 East Mission, Suite 201, Spokane Valley, WA 99212.

George Hollett 1928-2018

George Hollett passed away on May 6, 2018. He was born on April 17, 1928, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Thomas and Myrtle Hollett.

At the age of three his family moved to

Miami, Florida. George joined the Navy in 1945 and served his country until 1949 as a Radar Third Class. Upon return, he attended Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, and later transferred to the University of Idaho, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in forest management. George married Mary Lou Gill in 1955. Together they moved to Washington State to work for the Department of Natural Resources. Eight years and four children later, George and Mary Lou moved to Fairbanks and to Anchorage, Alaska, in 1974. He retired from the Department of Natural Resources after 30 years of service. George spent his retirement pursuing his hobbies of hunting, sailing, woodworking, and hiking.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Merrill; and his daughter, Susan. George is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; his sister, Maida Thompson; sons, Todd (Kathy), Cort (Karla), and Shon (Robert); as well as his four grandchildren.

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