

Jerry L. Durgan

June 28, 1934 - September 1, 2022

Jerry L. Durgan died Sept. 1, 2022.

Jerry was a kind and loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He was the youngest of six children born to Fred and Lora Durgan. His father died when Jerry was nine months old, leaving his mother to raise the children alone. Life wasn't easy but there was always time for love, laughter, card games, and music.



After graduation from Baker High School Jerry attended the University of Oregon. In 1956 he married Darlene Cassidy and they moved to Portland where Jerry worked for Safeway. In 1959 Jerry was hired by Bookkeeper's Business Service as office manager, eventually buying the business and doing accounting and tax services for over 40 years.

In 1959 daughter Beth was born and in 1962 daughter Kayse. The family did a lot of camping and eventually built a cabin on East Eagle creek in the Wallawas, where many happy days were spent. In the '70s, Jerry joined the Clan Macleay pipe band as a side drummer, marching in the Grand Floral Parade and many community celebrations.

After moving to Summerfield in Tigard in 1996, golf became the new pastime. Jerry served as president of the men's golf club as well as the Summerfield civic association. Jerry loved to read, especially mysteries, loved all music, from big bands to symphonies, and was known to head to Reno or Vegas for fun at the slots or the 21 tables.

Jerry is survived by Darlene, his wife of 66 years, his daughters Beth Lewis and Kayse Durgan, and his son-in-law Mark Lewis, grandchildren Jon Lewis and Jillian Brown and great-grandchildren Kali, Eli, Joshua and Amelia Rose Lewis and Ruby Brown.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Mel, Al and LaVon; and sisters, Minnie and Dorothy.