



## Charles A. Bigelow

September 26, 1919 - February 3, 2015

Charles Allen Bigelow (Chuck) passed away on the evening of February 3, 2015 at the age of 95. Charles was born on September 26, 1919 to George A. and Jessie E. Bigelow in Vallejo, CA. He graduated from Vallejo High School and he received a Bachelors Degree in Forestry from the University of Idaho in Moscow in 1948. Charles served in the Pacific Front in World War II as a Tech Sergeant on U.S. Army Supply Ships. He married Ethel Josephine (Jo) Boss on November 17, 1942 in Vallejo, CA. Jo preceded him in death on November 16, 2009 just one day short of their 67th anniversary. In 1949 the family moved to Bend and he worked his way up to become the Manager of the U.S. Forest Service Pine Nursery located NE of Bend in 1961. He held that position until 1974 when he retired. Chuck was very active as a 4-H leader (Forestry, Entomology, and Photography) and was also an active member of the Bend Knights of Columbus (K of C). Charles was even awarded the honor of being named Knight of the Year for the State of Oregon in 1991. He wrote the Central Oregon K of C History from 1970 to 1990, was the K of C Financial Secretary from 1972 to 1986, and was the K of C Treasurer from 1972 to 1986. He is survived by five children Nancy (Alex) Muktoyuk of Portland, OR, Lynne (Larry) Lawson of Bend, OR, Karen Spurlock of Bend, OR, Peggy (Carl) Strand of Vancouver, WA, and Allen (Suzanne) Bigelow of Redmond, OR; seven grandchildren (Mark & Tasha Muktoyuk, Eric Lawson, Tina & Kelly Spurlock, Colin & Spencer Strand) , and two great-grandchildren (Jake Peaslee and Valentina Muktoyuk). His hobbies

included hiking in the forest with his dogs, mapping out old Shevlin-Hixon logging railroads, and family genealogy. A special mention is needed for the dedicated staff at Ashley Manor in Bend, where Chuck spent his last 6 1/2 years. A service will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 12:15 pm at the Historic St. Francis Catholic Church located at the corner of Franklin Avenue and Lava Road in Bend. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in his honor to the Hospice of your choice.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New  
105 NW Irving Ave  
Bend, OR  
US 97701

# Tribute Wall



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**Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery** - May 18, 2023 at 02:26 PM

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“ *Charles A. Bigelow*

**Funeral Home Owner** - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Chuck and Jo were my next door neighbors for close to 29 years. I was blessed with the best neighbors one could possibly have. Chuck was always a decent, humble and dignified person in his own quiet way. Even in his mid eighties he was out and about doing various errands and physical projects on his property and sometimes helping me with mine. I always marveled and respected his longevity and mental sharpness.. Condolences to the surviving family members, you are fortunate to have had such a fine person in your life. Tom Hart*

**Tom Hart** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FK

“ No one knew all the things that Chuck was doing for the Knights of Columbus, St. Francis and in our community until he could no longer do them. Not only was he the Knight of the Year but of the Decade or more. I pray he is now enjoying his rewards.

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**Frank Krupicka** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ We purchased our O.B. Riley property from dear Chuck Bigelow. Such a nice man. We bought on contract, and he always had me (Sally) figure the monthly payments and interest instead of him. I always thought that was funny, but I suppose he probably checked my work, too. For a long time he took great care of the lawn at what became our office, perhaps partially so he could keep an eye on his investment. We always enjoyed having him around, so quiet and pleasant. And he knew every bush and tree on the property, so when we needed advice on what to do with any of them, guess who my husband called? Chuck asked my Charlie for business advice a few times, and Charlie always considered him such a gentleman. He was a pleasure to have known.

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**Sally and Charlie Brown** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during your time of loss. Sincerely, Rose Anne

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**Rose Anne Hyman** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Chuck was a great man. I worked with him at St. Vincent de Paul on Wednesdays with Elie Bourgue from 1990-2004. He was always going. He told me how he walked everyday with his dog in the forest, would leave bird feed and it seems to me he also put up bird houses. He was a great Knights of Columbus guy as well. I remember him helping out when my father was ordained a late vocation priest at St. Francis. He got along well with Fr. Joe and reminded me of one of my brothers. He will be missed. Our prayers are with the family. God bless all of you in this time of suffering.  
Mark & Cindy (Reinig) Kuykendall

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**Cindy Kuykendall** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember Chuck so very well, he worked with my dad (Gordon Monical) at the Pine Nursery. As kids we spent so much time out their on dads weekends to water and care for the trees. My condolences to the family. He was a great man. No one knew all the things that Chuck was doing for the Knights of Columbus, St. Francis and in our community until he could no long do them. Not only was he the Knight of the Year but of the Decade or more. I pray he is now enjoying his rewards.

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**Pam Monical Smith** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Loss is never easy, our condolences to the family along with our prayer for peace. I went to school with Karen and now enjoy dancing with Allen and Suzanne. A note passed to me that I would like to pass on When a door closes, windows of memories open.  
with all our prayers, Jim & Pam

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**Jim & Pam Rich** - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM