



## James "Jim" Willis Barrett III

June 26, 1922 - April 2, 2019

James "Jim" Willis Barrett III Jim Barrett, age 96, passed away at his home in Bend, Oregon on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. He was born on June 26, 1922 in Independence, Iowa, the son of Dr. and Mrs. James W. Barrett Jr. After graduating from high school in Independence Iowa, Jim served in the US Marine Corp and was honorably discharged. He then went on to earn a BS in 1945 in forestry and a MS in 1947 in forestry management and pathology. After graduating from Iowa State University, Jim and his first wife raised cattle and operated a sawmill in South Dakota. In 1956, he moved to Bend, Oregon to begin his career with the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experimental Forest. He spent 25 years at the Bend Silviculture Lab researching ponderosa pine growth and yield, authoring or co-authoring 36 publications. His landmark Ponderosa Pine in the Pacific Northwest: The State of our Knowledge was published as a reference for forest managers and he became known as "Mr. Ponderosa Pine". In June of 1973, Jim married Helen Rastovich. After retiring from the Forest Service in 1982, Jim and Helen traveled extensively, raised sheep on a small ranch east of Bend, and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and boating. He belonged to the Society of American Foresters, the Deschutes County Historical Society, the Eastern Star Grange, the US Department of Agriculture Honor Society and was a contributing member of the Arbor Day Foundation. He had three daughters, Jody Turcott, Nicki Brainard, and Peggy Freund, five grandchildren, Brian Thompson, Tony Thompson, Eric Jensen, Linsday Ceniga, and Amanda Wilson, five great grandchildren, Tyler Ceniga,

Zach Jensen, Hannah Jensen, Deegan Ceniga, and Ashlyn Ceniga all from his first marriage. A younger brother also survived him. Please join Jims family and friends at a celebration of his life at Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home on Friday, April 12th at 2:00. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Deschutes Historical Society or the Salvation Army in Jims honor.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

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