

Obituaries

Robert Richards, 84, resident of Hillsboro

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Robert Leon Richards Sr., 84, of Hillsboro, died Monday, Dec. 8, 2003, at his home.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Fir Lawn Mortuary Chapel. Private entombment will be in the Fir Lawn Cemetery Mausoleum. Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Mr. Richards was born May 26, 1919, in Kinton, Ore., to Harry and Alice (Mancur) Richards. He was the 13th of 14 children (seven boys, seven girls). He was a 1936 graduate of Beaverton High School and lived his entire life in Washington County.

Mr. Richards married Kay Smyser Feb. 11, 1939, in Vancouver, Wash. He worked for Porter Yett Construction Company (road construction) until 1959, helping to build the Sunset Highway. From 1959 to 1981 he was a custodian for Beaverton School District, working at Aloha Park Grade School.

Mr. Richards was known to all as "Mr. Bob." He was an Episcopalian. His main interests were his children and grandchildren, and he was a firm believer in hard work.

Survivors include his wife, Kay, of Hillsboro; a son, Bob Richards Jr. (and wife Linda) of Hillsboro; two daughters, Barbara Upton (husband John Upton Jr.) and Patricia Bonham (husband Al) of Hillsboro; a sister, Evelyn Graf of Myrtle Creek; five grandchildren, John Upton III, Joe Upton, Debbie Beck, Rob Richards III and Patty Bonham, and five great-grandchildren, Matthew Upton, Brittaney JOnes, Lindsey Beck, Alyssa Richards and Kyle Richards.

Contributions in Mr. Richards name are suggested for Kaiser Hospice, 2701 NW Vaughn, No. 140, Portland, 97210.