

I N M E M O R I U M

Charles Albert White was born June 4, 1926 on a farm in Sebeka, Minnesota. He was one of five brothers and three sisters. Al began his career with the General Land Office (now the BLM) in 1946. The job took him over most of the western United States. He was on a survey crew in Alaska when he entered the military during the Korean War. He served in Japan as an army instructor teaching surveying. When he returned from Japan he met Catherine O'Hara and they were married in 1954. They settled in Colorado Springs where Al went to work for a private contracting firm as a surveyor.

In 1958 Al moved the family to Portland, Oregon and returned to the BLM as a surveyor. He was considered to be the most distinguished authority on the history of 19th and 20th Century public lands surveying.

During his career he authored four books: "Public Lands Surveying: A Casebook;" "A History of the Rectan-



gular Survey System;" "Initial Points of the Rectangular Survey System;" and "A Casebook of the Oregon Donation Land Claims." Once retired, he was still very active with associates nationwide seeking his expert advice about surveying.

Mr. White died July 12, 2007, from illness associated with congestive heart failure.

He was widowed in 1982. Survivors include sister Frances Higgs and brother George White of Spokane, Washington; sons Patrick White of Astoria, Oregon; Michael White of Durham, Oregon; daughters Ellen Kroessin of Tigard, Oregon; Margaret White of Portland, Oregon; Sharon Ryman of Aloha, Oregon; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Rosary prayer service was Monday, July 16 at Young's Funeral Home, Tigard, Oregon.

The funeral service was Tuesday, July 17 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Tigard, Oregon.