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Our father, Philip Krause, was born during a snowstorm January 13, 1929 in Winterton, New York. The doctor was unable to make it through the snow to their house, so his maternal grandmother became the midwife. He attended a one room elementary school where his mother was the custodian. She started fires in the old wood stove to warm the school. Just after WWII ended Phil, at age 17, enlisted in the Army and traveled to basic training in the south. It was the first time he had left the state of New York. After basic, he was stationed in Occupied Japan for a year. Upon being honorably discharged in Seattle, he realized he was close to the state of Oregon where his older brother Paul and family had moved. He looked at a map and saw Yachats, it was the only town name he couldn't pronounce so he was sure that was the place. He took the bus there to find them and fell in love with the Oregon coast. When he returned home to New York, he found his other love. While driving his Model T down the country road he saw an attractive girl walking by herself, he stopped to offer her a ride. She, of course, declined, but later he discovered that very same girl was dating his friend Eugene. When Eugene took a job elsewhere, Phil made his move! He married our mom, Eleanor, on June 12, 1949. They had their first child, Linda, in 1950 and a month later they packed their car and moved to Oregon. They landed in Toledo at the housing project but began to

save for a place of their own. They purchased a plot along Yaquina Bay and moved into an existing building in October of 1952, with a plan to eventually build a new home for their expanding family. Two more daughters, Colleen and Kristy were born during that time. For the first couple of years, Phil worked in the woods, but after a near miss he decided he should find a new line of work. He graduated from a Mechanic's program in Eugene, then he and Carl Strom opened S & K Automotive in June of 1959. Son Paul was born in 1962, completing Phil and Eleanor's family. Phil retired in 1993, Eleanor worked a couple more years, then they began to travel internationally. They visited Europe several times and the British Isles. New Zealand was a favorite destination. Then shortly after their sixty-second anniversary Phil became a widower. While navigating that loss he rekindled relationships with old friends Dee Dudley and Beth Phillips. For another 11 years he continued his travels, sometimes bringing his children with him. We cruised the Baltic Sea area and visited Italy and Greece, enjoying one another's company. His greatest joy was getting together as a family and that, as adults, we kids liked and relied on each other. Among dad's many accomplishments: Extraordinary teller of jokes, mechanical problem solver for both common and classic cars, donating 25 gallons of blood to the Red Cross, building his family a new home while working full time, being the Toledo Summer Festival Parade's Grand Marshal in 2018, as well as, a Lifetime ELKS member. Phil was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor and his grandson Philip. He is survived by his children: Linda (Ken), Colleen (Jay), Kristy and Paul. Three grandsons, Jason, Seth, and Justice and one great-grandson, Calvin. Also by his brother-in-law Herb Miller, and niece Joan Stephens. Please join us for a celebration of our parents, Phil and Eleanor's lives on what would have been their seventy-third wedding anniversary at the Toledo Elks Lodge on Sunday, June 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to: Toledo History Center, PO Box 214, Toledo, OR 97391.

A Celebration of Life will be held on June 12, 2022, 2:00pm-4:00pm at the

Toledo ELKS Lodge.

Tribute Wall



“ *Phil was a wonderful client and avid jokester who never left the office without telling one. We also was a big fan of the sausage and kraut at the Verbort festival. Fly high and enjoy the sky my friend. I'm glad I got to shake your hand and enjoy your company before you left this world. Your friend and insurance agent-Shellie*

Shellie Mize-Lopez - June 22, 2022 at 12:00 AM