

SPIRIT OF THE PIONEER

A newsletter for the families and friends of
the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery
(Across from McArthur Court)

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INGRID JOHNSON CARMICHAEL (1912 – 2009)

by Ruth Lake Holmes & Quentin A. Holmes

Ingrid Carmichael, the most senior Board Member of the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery Endowment Fund, passed away unexpectedly at age 97 on November 22nd, 2009. Born at 1599 Orchard Street in Eugene on August 28th, 1912 to Erick and Rikka Johnson, she was a living example of the axiom, "Be the change that you want to see." Ingrid was an inspiration to all who knew and loved her!

Her family's story begins in the 1800's when Ingrid's Grandparents emigrated from Bergen, Norway and settled in Wanamingo, Minnesota. Then, at age 50, her grandfather, Sebersen Petersen Ness, went into town, had a heart attack and came back in a coffin!

Her grandmother, Ingeborg Ness, heard there was a boarding house that catered to Norwegians in Eugene, Oregon that was for sale. In 1898, Ingeborg Ness, with her young daughter Rikka, moved to Eugene and purchased that boarding house - figuring that she could help teach the Norwegians how to speak English. A few years later, a Norwegian fellow named Erick Johnson boarded there. And, as things can transpire, Rikka and Erick were married in 1908. In 1912, their only child – Ingrid Petra Johanna Johnson – was born!

Ingrid had many fond childhood memories of being outdoors helping care for the goats and chickens that her family raised on Orchard Street, and also the plentiful fruit and vegetables that they grew and put up for winter. Ingrid attended Condon Grade School, Roosevelt Jr. High, Eugene High School (located on West 17th Ave) and the University of Oregon (Class of '35).

After a career of mining and logging, her father worked for 31 years for Booth-Kelly Lumber Co. Booth-Kelly went out on strike one summer. To help out financially, Ingrid took a job as a clerk for McMorrان & Washburn's department store.

In 1935, Ingrid met and married the love of her life, Lorin Carmichael. Lorin was related, on his grandmother's side, to Charley Applegate — an early pioneer. Their wedding took place in the Johnson family home at 1599 Orchard Street. They spent a one week honeymoon camping at Crater Lake on \$10.00 and even brought back a couple of dollars with them.

An opportunity came to establish a high-quality furniture and interior decorating business – Mountjoy & Carmichael. To provide start-up money, Ingrid's mother mortgaged (no small thing in the 1930's) the house at 1599 Orchard Street. Lorin practiced reasonable prices 365 days a year, and felt that sales were unfair to customers who had recently purchased. (Cont. on Pg. 2 **INGRID CARMICHAEL**)



Ingrid Carmichael (in 1975)

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INGRID CARMICHAEL... (Cont. from Pg.1)

Lorin and Ingrid raised three children: Julie Carmichael Danielson, who now lives in Portland and Seaside, Oregon, was born in 1940. Robert (Bob) Carmichael, who was born in 1942, is a successful dentist in Eugene. David Carmichael, who was born in 1948, is a well-known Eugene attorney.

With the exception of 12 years in her childhood, Ingrid spent all of her 97 years living at 1599 Orchard Street. When son Bob was asked about his memories of growing up there, he answered, "I have many memories and they're all wonderful." Son David added, "Every morning Mom would greet us kids with '*This is the day the LORD has made.*' And, '*It's going to be a great day.*' And at the end of each day Mom would say, '*It's been a great day.*' Life was not always kind to Mom. Sometimes there would be tears, but she never complained."

Ingrid lived for her kids, her grandkids, and her great grandkids. "Mom loved us unconditionally. She focused on us. Then, when we had kids Mom focused on them. And, when they had kids, she focused on the great grandkids." (son David)

Raising up kids in the 60's wasn't always easy. Daughter Judy came up from San Francisco and gave birth to granddaughter Mylene who became an integral part of Ingrid and Lorin's family. Some five years later, Judy got serious with a San Francisco man who firmly believed that the young child belonged with her mother. Early one morning they showed up at 1599 Orchard street and announced, "Pack Mylene's bags, she's going back with us." At the end of that heart-wrenching day, Ingrid's only words were, "*It's been a good day.*"

A number of years later, Judy returned to Eugene and took a job as secretary to the U. of O. Chancellor. While working there, Judy met, and married, "Big John" Danielson – a man well known for his effectiveness as a lobbyist for Higher Education bills in the Oregon Legislature.

Ingrid Carmichael was a Democrat – never voted for a Republican in her life. But, husband Lorin was a staunch Republican. According to son Bob, "Mom and Dad had this pact. No sense going down to Condon School and voting - in effect they would just be canceling out each other's vote. One day when I was voting, the registrar commented to me, 'How come your Mother never votes?' Well, Mom and Dad have this pact... 'That's strange, because your Dad always comes in the 1st thing on each voting day and casts his vote!' "

Lorin operated Mountjoy and Carmichael successfully for 35 years. When Lorin died suddenly in 1970, Ingrid (with son David's help) liquidated Mountjoy & Carmichael in a truly honest going-out-of-business sale – no outside goods were brought in and marked up!

When asked how he would describe his mother, son David replied, "Her positive nature, her love of the common simple pleasures of life. There's a story in the Bible about a fig tree. Mom's 'fig tree' was her patio, and her garden. She loved sitting in the sun." To which son Bob added, "And, Mom loved the Moon. She would call me up at night and say, 'Go outside and look at the Moon – it's lovely tonight.' "

Ingrid was a person who gave strong support to each of the organizations that were dear to her heart. Central Lutheran Church was her spiritual home. She was a life-long member of the ladies circle, taught Sunday school for 25 years, was in the altar guild, served on the church council. Ingrid helped do the research on their heritage book **Central Lutheran: 75 Years** Son Bob recalls, "Dad loved to go fishing on weekends. But, after the folks were married his fishing took a back seat to church. Pastor Harold Aalbue, who was the Head Pastor of Central Luther from 1940-1957, was a real fisher of men. Harold got Dad to be Scoutmaster of Troop 118 – which grew to quite a large number. [NOTE: Both Bob and David Carmichael are Eagle scouts.] The annual Christmas Parties that Ingrid organized at her house for the folks of the church were legendary. Ingrid passed away late last November, but – as she always insisted – the show must go on! Central Lutheran's 2009 Christmas party was held successfully in spite of Ingrid's demise.



Ingrid & Lorin Carmichael
(Wedding Photo – August 1935)

ONLINE "FIND A RECORD" FOR EUGENE PIONEER CEMETERY

by Ronald J. Burek

The Name, Cemetery Block, and Grave Plot portions of our Burials Database of Burials have now been converted into a form suitable for supporting online searches from our website. The initial step toward allowing online queries has now been taken. Although we are still in the process of testing and making changes, you can go online to: <http://eugenepioneercemetery.org> and use Find A Record to search by first and last name, or by last name only. The following two examples show the response returned **(A)** to a query on a specific individual's name, and the response returned **(B)** to a query using just a last name.

(A) A query on an individual's name:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| First Name: | Last Name: |
| Edward | Quimby |
| <input type="button" value="Submit"/> | |

| Block | Plot | First Name | Middle Name(s) | Last Name | Born | Where | Died | Location |
|-------|------|------------|----------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 160 | 5 | Edward | Eugene | Quimby | 11/22/1857 | Wisconsin | 8/27/1925 | Eugene, OR |

(B) A query on a last name:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| First Name: | Last Name: |
| | Renninger |
| <input type="button" value="Submit"/> | |

| Block | Plot | First Name | Middle Name(s) | Last Name | Born | Where | Died | Location |
|-------|------|------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-------|------------|-----------------------|
| 370 | 3 | Louis | | Renninger | 8/25/1841 | Ohio | 11/17/1908 | Marcola, Lane Co., OR |

| Block | Plot | First Name | Middle Name(s) | Last Name | Born | Where | Died | Location |
|-------|------|------------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------------|------------|------------|
| 370 | 4 | Elizabeth | Mann "Lizman" | Renninger | 9/1/1843 | Mains, Germany | 12/24/1935 | Eugene, OR |

| Block | Plot | First Name | Middle Name(s) | Last Name | Born | Where | Died | Location |
|-------|------|--------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| 370 | 5 | Maude, Miss. | | Renninger | 7/16/1886 | Michigan | 3/24/1916 | Eugene, OR |

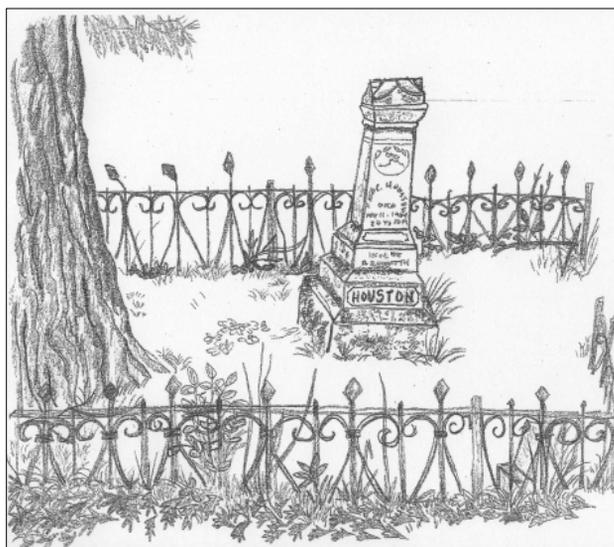
Once you know the Cemetery Block where the person you are interested in is buried, you can easily locate it on our online Cemetery map.

Information in our grave-by-grave Burials Database is a compilation of more than 25 historical sources. Some 4,200 individuals are at rest in our cemetery. For most, their full name and the exact location of their grave is known. For some, their name is known and we are certain that they rest within our cemetery – however the location of their grave is not precisely known. For a handful of individuals, their name is known – however they may, or may not, have actually been buried in our cemetery.

(NOTE; If the name of the person you are interested in is not listed in our Burials Database, then it is unlikely they are buried in the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery.)

In the not too distant future, additional portions of Eugene Pioneer Cemetery's Burials Database will be able to be returned by our "Find A Record" search.

A VISITOR'S IMPRESSION



The Houston Lot (Lot No. 359)

Kristin G, a young student at the U. of O., occasionally comes to the cemetery to relax and sketch. This is one of her lovely sketches. (Look for others in future issues.)

CARMICHAEL ... (Cont. from Pg.2)

Ingrid was strong supporter of the YMCA. A member for 55 years, she served on the YMCA Board of Directors for over 20 years, and helped lead the effort to raise capital funds to build the current YMCA facilities. Up until the time she passed away, Ingrid went to the YMCA two-three times each week to exercise, and then stayed around for awhile to chat with people.

For more than 50 years, Ingrid frequently went along with the "Obsidians" on their more strenuous hikes. Later on, she was content to be one of the "Byways Bus People" who travel about in a chartered bus. Annual outings included: going bird-watching at Glide in April; a rhododendron bloom trip through Sweet Home and Silver Falls in May; and a Fall Color Tour through the Cascades along the Aufderheide Highway in October.

Each year, from Ingrid's 90th birthday on, her children had a birthday party for her in the lot right next door to her house. They would set up a tent, have champagne and a lot to eat. These gala birthday parties typically lasted from 1 – 5 pm. Folks would just drop by when it was convenient. On Ingrid's 95th birthday, 7 different ministers were on hand! Each minister had been associated with Central Lutheran Church at some point during Ingrid's lifetime. On Ingrid's 97th Birthday, Oregon Congresswoman Vickie Walker (a Republican!) showed up, and even she had a great time.

A few weeks before her death, son Bob commented to her, "Mom, Dad's been dead for 30 years. You're going to go strolling through the Pearly Gates and Dad won't recognize you with your walker." To which Ingrid immediately responded, "Oh yes he will, I'm going to leave the walker here!"

During the last 10 years of Ingrid's beautiful life, granddaughter Mylene provided loving support and special care for her – the unconditional love that Ingrid had lavished on her had come full circle.

Ingrid's Memorial Service, held at Central Lutheran Church, was very well-attended. Per Ingrid's instructions, it concluded with a rousing rendition of ***When the Saints Go Marching In.***

What a remarkable lady! We are proud and deeply honored to have had Ingrid as a Board Member.

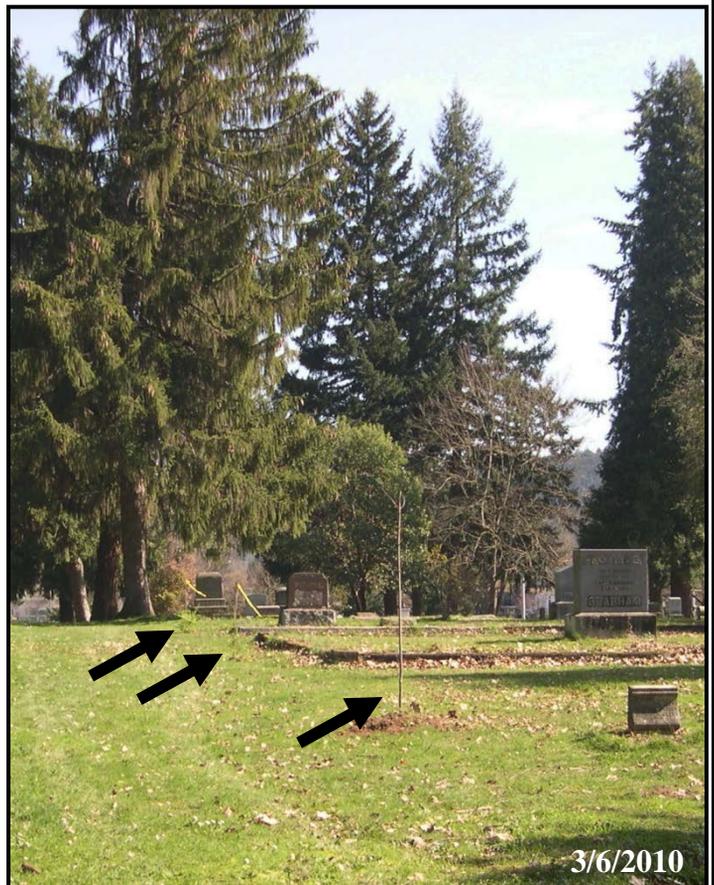
NOTE: When Ingrid's grandmother passed away in 1924, her estate purchased a large lot in the Eugene Pioneer Cemetery (then the I.O.O.F. Cemetery). Ingrid's grandmother, Ingeborg Ness, and also her father and mother – Erick and Rikka Johnson – are at rest there.

"A society is great when old men plant trees whose shade they will never enjoy."

(An old Maxim)

Fifty years ago large trees lined each of the major avenues in our Cemetery. Over the decades, a number of these trees have been toppled by storms, or died and had to be removed. Just recently, young trees were recently planted to replace some of them. The upper two black arrows point to recently planted Hemlock seedlings. The arrow in the foreground points to a recently planted Big Leaf Maple tree.

RECENTLY SEEN IN THE CEMETERY



NEWLY-PLANTED YOUNG TREES

**MR. JACK ROWLAND
NOW AT REST IN OUR CEMETERY**

*by Quentin A. Holmes, President
Eugene Pioneer Cemetery Association*

On February 20th, 2010, Mr. Jack Rowland of Salem, Oregon was laid to rest in the Rowland Family Lot in our Cemetery. He is survived by his wife Mildred Coleman Rowland who sent us the following write-up.

Jack Rowland, 94, was a native of Eugene. There may be only a few of the older church members who remember Jack and can relate to some of the historical events of Eugene Pioneer Cemetery where Jack's family are buried. His father, Otto, his mother, Verna and his uncle Virgil had a draying business in Eugene. His Aunt, May Rowland Kuykendall was the second wife of Dr. William Kuykendall, a physician who was President of the Oregon Senate in 1905 and taught at Willamette University. Dr. Kuykendall was a friend of Mr. Robert A. Booth, a prominent Lane County lumberman who donated the Circuit Rider statue on the Capital grounds. Both men were Methodists, served in the Oregon Senate together, and attended First Methodist Church in Salem and Eugene. Jack's grandfather, John Rowland, a Eugene builder, donated land on which the First Methodist Church in downtown Eugene was built.

Jack was born in Eugene on Oct. 28th, 1915. As a youth he enjoyed boating and mountain climbing, having climbed the Middle Sister. He was a member of Wesley Foundation on the U. of O. Campus that was founded in the 1930's. The second director at that time was Dorothy Nyland, while Cecil Ristow served First Church as minister. Jack sang in the choir at First Methodist Church.

After Jack graduated from the University High in 1934, he spent two years at the U. of O. Since they had no course in physics there, Jack spent his final two years of college at Oregon State. Several years following he became a bee keeper owning as many as 100 bee hives. He was employed at the Lane County Court House photographing deeds. When some highway engineers were there working on a mathematical problem, Jack solved it for them. As a result he was hired by the Oregon State Highway Department as it was known at that time and became a registered engineer.

Jack was married in Portland at Fremont Methodist Church on Dec. 25th, 1949 to Mildred Coleman. He was sent by the State Highway Department to do surveying for Interstate-5 in areas around Grants Pass, Medford, and Roseburg – cities where he and

his family lived for 10 years. In 1957, while serving as Resident Engineer at Roseburg, Jack and his crew were called to Headquarters in Salem, where he became Chief Locating Engineer for a term. Then he served as Head of the Construction Planning Office.

Jack Rowland always had an interest in scientific studies. He was a member of the Planetary Society and supported a number of scientific foundations. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and also upheld the causes of the American Friends Service Committee, and Doctors without Borders.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Coleman Rowland, two daughters, Ellen Langsather, Wendy Rowland, of Salem and a son, Roy Rowland of Corvallis. A sister, Dorothy Rowland Willard, of Seattle preceded his passing, having left two nieces and two nephews who live in Washington state.

Jack Rowland will be missed by those who knew and loved him.

(Mildred Coleman Rowland)

2010 WORK PARTIES SCHEDULED

Quentin A. Holmes, EPCA President

"We never get finished cleaning up the cemetery – we simply do our best to stay up with things."

(George Beebe)

EPCA Director George Beebe has scheduled two work parties in the cemetery during 2010. George has to set these up months in advance in order to get crews from the Lane County Sheriff. Typically, we get crews of about ten people - both men and women - from the Lane County jail. These folks do an excellent job for us, and they regard it as a privilege to be outdoors and helping improve the looks of the Cemetery. A week or so before, several of us "walk-thru" to look things over and agree upon what needs to get tackled by the work party.

Our first work party will be on the Friday before Memorial Day:

Walk-thru - 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 20th, 2010;
Work Party from 9 a.m. -> 3: p.m. on May 28th.

Our second work party will be Friday the 3rd of September:

Walk-thru - 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 26th, 2010;
Work Party from 9 a.m. -> 3: p.m. on Sept. 3rd.

Come join us if you like, we can always use your help!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Combined Annual Meetings of Eugene Pioneer Cemetery Association and Eugene Pioneer Cemetery Endowment Fund, Inc.

Will be held Saturday, May 8th, 2010 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

LOCATION: The First Congregational Church
1050 E. 23rd Street
Eugene, Oregon.

Memorial Day Services at The Eugene Pioneer Cemetery

A Memorial Day Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 31st, 2010 at the Civil War Veteran's Plot. This formal service will feature members of the Sons of Union Veterans dressed in full Civil War military uniforms, and a musket salute in honor of the heroes who are at rest in the G.A.R. Plot. The inspiring Shasta Middle School Band and Choir will perform music from the Civil War era. Please Come!

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