

Curtis Charles Tigard 1909-2018



Curtis Tigard - September 16, 2017 - THA Photo

Curtis Tigard was born in Tigard, Oregon on April 13, 1909. He was the son of Charles Fremont Tigard and his wife, Rosa Hohman Tigard. The town of Tigard was named after his grandfather, Wilson Tigard, who came west with his family from Arkansas in 1852 and settled in the area that would later bear his name.

Curtis attended Tigard Grade School and then because there was no high school in Tigard at that time, graduated from Beaverton High School in 1926. He furthered his education at Oregon Agricultural College (now Oregon State University) where he graduated in 1930 with a degree in Banking and Finance.

In 1935, Curtis went to work for the U.S. National Bank, where he was employed until 1940, when he took a leave of absence for one year to join the US Army Reserves. With the outbreak of World War II, that leave stretched to six years. After training in the States, he took his unit overseas and participated in the landing in North Africa in 1942. Then in 1944, he was part of the Fifth Army invasion of Sicily and Palermo, Italy. While in Italy, he was promoted to Major. After returning to the States, he was stationed in Washington, D.C. and was selecting officers for the invasion of Japan when VJ day arrived. He left active duty in January, 1946.

Returning to Oregon, Curtis resumed his career with the U.S. National Bank, eventually becoming an Assistant Vice President for National Accounts. After he retired in 1971, he and his wife, Julia, enjoyed traveling around the world, visiting China, Hong Kong, Egypt, Greece, Russia and many other countries. Curtis was also a long time member of the Tualatin Country Club. His interest in golf began when he was a boy and earned spending money by caddying at the Club.

Curtis Tigard passed away the morning of July 25, 2018. Though out his life, Curtis Tigard has been a supporter of his country, his state, and his community. He often attended events sponsored by the Tigard Historical Association at the 1880 home of his uncle, John Tigard. His energy and personality will be missed by family, friends and the citizens of Tigard. Curtis is survived by his son, David, and his grandsons Charles and William.

Additional photos of Curtis Tigard are available on the Tigard Historical Association webpage.
<http://www.tigardhistorical.org/>

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