

A TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM L. FINLEY

There are those men and women in each generation, the results of whose labors are not measured by the narrow compass of a single human life, but extend far into the future, and make the generations yet to be, happily their debtors. Such was the life of Bill Finley.

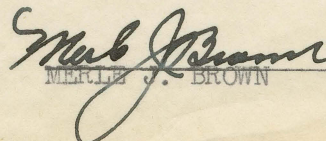
We do not pay this tribute to mourn his passing on, but rather to express our appreciation and thanks for the life he lived among us, for the splendid spirit of comradeship, for the trueness of his friendship, for the wisdom of his counsel, for the efforts he put forth unselfishly, without ostentation, and the results of his endeavors in forwarding the many civic and state enterprises, in the Izaak Walton League of which he was one of its vice-presidents for eighteen years, to the State of Oregon in which he was the first game warden, for the powerful influence he exerted in the protection and preservation of wild game, and the conservation of our natural resources, for the inspiration his life has bestowed upon us.

These are not measured by the calendar, they cannot be confined by physical limitations, and what we call Death cannot dissolve or take away, because they are of the divine and are immortal.

It is one of the great compensations of life that the worthwhile things that demand our thought and effort are never fully accomplished or complete. We merely lay the foundations upon which others may build, but the security and permanence of the structure depend to a large extent upon how well and wisely our work is done. This thought was ever in the mind of Bill Finley. He saw in the conservation program not merely the saving of material things, necessary for our well-being, but the conservation of the physical, mental and spiritual quality of the boys and girls of tomorrow. He sought as far as humanly possible to restore the environment that contributes much to the physical and mental power of these children. With this vision it was only logical that he should give largely of his thought and effort to the work of our conservation program. To him it was coordination of effort for a common purpose.

With the inspiration of his spirit abiding with us let us move onward. Then perhaps when we too have come to the day of our passing on, and walk with him again along the waters of the lake where the fish leap and dart in play, or walk through the forests and the wild flowers bloom in all their native splendor, and hear the mellow twitter of the woodcock's wing as he whirls upward through the somber shade, over the harvest field, may hear the flute-like voice of little Bob-white, and in the tangled brake hear the rushing wings of the ruffed grouse. In the fall again hear the whirr of the wings of the mallard, or the honk of the geese in flight, or at eventide shall again as of old enjoy with him that fine spirit of comradeship around the mellow glow of the campfire there shall come to us out of the stillness the voice of the Great Master who loved them all, saying in commendation, "He hath kept the faith, he hath finished the work that was given unto him to do, he hath done what he could".

Good-by, Bill, and may you enter that great Valhalla where life will be a continuous round of pleasure of the things you love.


MERLE J. BROWN

UNION SECURITY COMPANY

109 SOUTH HIGH STREET

SALEM, OREGON

Thursday

Dear Bill:

We were most sorry to learn of the death of your father. Even tho he has been ill for a long time his passing still comes as a shock to his family and his many, many friends throughout the country.

I shall never forget the swell times we had together during our school days in particular. Your Dad was wonderful to all us kids in the "Stew Kong" and it was always lots of fun to get together with the "Finleys".

I have been particularly pleased to note the fine editorials in the Portland papers, Bill, because it shows that his fine work has not been forgotten in spite of a number of inactive years. Your Dad contributed a lot to his state and country in more ways than one, as well as to his profession.

Many times I wish that we could get together oftener but even tho we don't I have the same feeling about you and your family. That couldn't change and I hope will be

able to see more of you in the future.

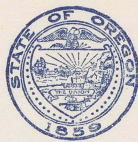
It's been ages since I've seen your Mother and Bobbe and I wish you would convey to them our feeling of continuing friendship and regard in this hour of bereavement.

Yours In The Bond,

Bill

RICHARD L. NEUBERGER
13TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

1910 S.W. CLIFTON STREET
PORTLAND 1, OREGON



STATE OF OREGON
SENATE CHAMBER
SALEM

CHAIRMAN SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ELECTIONS AND PRIVILEGES

JUN 30 1953

Dear Bill:

Your Dad was a great fellow. I shall always treasure my many talks with him about the world we live in. His contributions to natural history will endure for years to come.

Please extend my sympathy to your mother.

Sincerely,
Dick Neuberger

ALAN LANE
PORTLAND, OREGON

July 1 - 1953

Dear Bill,

I wish to express my
sympathy to you & yours
for your great loss.

Sincerely —

Alan

Record of flowers received for the funeral of

WILLIAM L. FINLEY

services at MORNINGLIGHT CHAPEL

at 2:30 ~~o'clock~~ p. m. July 2, 19 53

	SENT BY	DESCRIPTION
X 1	Lorne L. Miller	Spray stock ✓
X 2	Riverview Abbey	" on easel, stock, carnations, roses. ✓
X 3	Aaron M. Frank	" glads, peas. ✓
X 4	Isaac Walton League of America <i>Portland Casket Co</i>	" snaps, roses, delph ✓
X 5	The Gilbaughs <i>adreas.</i>	" snaps, delph, lillies. ✓
X 6	Portland Active Club	" stock, roses. ✓
X 7	Lincoln Memorial Park	" stock, carnations ✓
X 8	Oregon Funeral Directors	" glads, roses. ✓
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X 1	Katherine Braley ✓	Spray roses.	✓
X 2	Mr. and Mrs. Wade Strowger & Family ✓	" roses.	✓
3	Cora Kiernan ✓	" roses, glads.	X
X 4	Dr. and Mrs. Joyle Dahl ✓	Wreath roses.	✓
X 5	Norman Scoville —	Spray glads, carnations	✓
X 6	The U. S. National Bank	" glads, lillies, roses, peas.	✓
X 7	Phil Hammond	" carnations	✓
X 8	<i>no address.</i> The George Tonkin Family	" iris, snaps.	✓
X 9	The Employees of Finley's —	" carnations, peas.	✓
X 10	Grant F. Thuemmel —	" glads, roses.	✓
11	Maxine & Randolph	" carnations	✓
X 12	Alan Lane Jr —	" carnations, lillies, birds of paradise	✓
X 13	The Swinks' —	" carnations	✓
X 14	Tommy Lake and Associates —	Wreath lillies, carnations	✓
X 15	Mary, Emily & Wilson Young —	Bouquet iris, peonies, roses, glads.	✓
X 16	Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Stoeckle <i>address</i> and Sound Casket Company	Spray peonies.	✓
X 17	Adelaide Lake <i>don't know</i>	" peonies, roses.	✓
X 18	The Employees of Finley's —	Bouquet roses, daisies, glads.	✓
19	The O'Hearns	Spray peonies.	✓
X 20	Staff of the Portland Memorial —	" roses, glads.	✓

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1 Family	Casket Cover ✓
X 2 Lucille Beakey, Virginia Benz, Mr. & Mrs. A. L. George Mary Elizabeth Stocks	Spray glads, snaps. ✓
X 3 <i>adres</i> Bill and Mrs. Davidson	" peas, stock ✓
X 4 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Lockyear	" stock, roses. ✓
X 5 Miss Jessie Farrell	" stock, peas, carnations ✓
X 6 Mrs. M. Mable Holman	" on easel carnations, daisies, bouvardia ✓
X 7 Bobbie Goodemote	" roses, daisies. ✓
X 7 Haskell Ferrin	" roses, daisies. ✓
8 Ina Finley, Craig and John	" mums, daisies. ✓
9 Eugenia and Bob	Bouquet ✓
10 Frances and Bill Smith and members of the family ✓	Spray carnations, roses. ✓
X 11 W. T. Rigdon - <i>Salem, Ore</i>	" carnations, delph, peas, stock ✓
X 12 Oregon Audubon Society	" carnations, daisies. ✓
X 13 Charles Emery	" stock, iris, peas. ✓
X 14 Worth W. Caldwell	" eremarius ✓
X 15 David and Frances <i>Charlton</i>	" snaps, roses. ✓
16 Miss Constance Cole	" roses, lillies. ✓
X 17 Dean Webster	" sweet williams, carnations, glads. ✓
X 18 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pearson	" on easel, glads, roses, orchids. ✓
19 Mrs. Geo. W. Joseph Sr. Dr. and Mrs. Lyle B. Kingery	Wreath roses. ✓
X 20 Mrs. Robt. S. Farrell ✓	" roses. ✓

J. B. OFNER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
SUITE 1003 EQUITABLE BUILDING
PORTLAND 4, OREGON

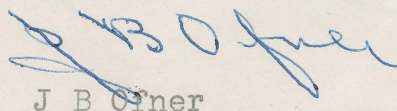
July 8, 1953

Dear Mr Finley:

May I extend my sympathy to yourself and
your mother.

The enclosed clipping from the New York
Times was sent to me by my brother, your Dad's
schoolmate at Portland High.

Sincerely yours,


J B Ofner

Mr Wm L Finley, Jr
c/o J P Finley & Son
432 SW Montgomery
Portland, Oregon

July 9, 1953

Dear Frances: -

Many thanks for the newspaper clippings in re the late, and highly respected, Wm. K. Finley. I had seen some of them in the Oregon Journal.

I only knew him casually, but you know of my former connection with the firm. Mr. J. P. Finley was a wonderful man, as was his son, W. K. Finley. And his daughter (later Mrs. F. A. Kenney) was a fine woman, and Mr. Kenney a fine man. I believe he was formerly a Waterman fountain pen salesman. It was he who established the "Building Fund" which made possible the new Chapel and additional space.

Note from your envelope that "All fine here, trying to get off to Roseburg." You will probably find it hot there - as it is here. Best of "Bon Voyage", and much love to all of you, as always
Dad.

WILLIAM L. FINLEY, WILDLIFE WRITER

Naturalist Who Also Lectured
and Took Outdoor Photos
Dies in Oregon at 76

PORTLAND, Ore., June 30 (AP)—William L. Finley, naturalist and writer and lecturer on wildlife subjects, died here yesterday after a long illness. He was 76 years old.

Mr. Finley worked most of his life for wildlife conservation. For twenty years he was field biologist for the National Association of Audubon Societies and was vice president of the Izaak Walton League of America and the National Wildlife Federation.

His wildlife writing appeared in many national publications. He lectured all over the country in the interests of conservation.

Survivors include his widow and a son, William Jr., both of Portland, and a daughter, Mrs. Arthur N. Pack of Tucson, Ariz.

Photographed Wildlife

Mr. Finley was also a well-known photographer of wildlife. Some of his pictures of cougars and antelope, taken in the mountains of the Southwest, appeared in THE NEW YORK TIMES rotogravure section in 1930.

His motion pictures of wildlife also aroused much interest among nature lovers. From a moving automobile he once recorded the fleet movements of the timid pronghorn antelope. Using a telescopic lens from a blind, he was able to photograph beavers building a dam across a mountain stream.

An ardent conservationist, he urged that the young be taught the basic principles of conservation.

"School children grow up in the belief that food comes from tin cans," he once said. "They seldom learn that thirty inches of fertile topsoil supports all the life on this planet and that depletion of the topsoil and of water resources cuts into the reserves on which our very existence depends."