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## Anthony James (Tony) Dooher

Nov 21, 2016



Anthony James (Tony) Dooher died on Nov. 21, 2016 in Salem, Ore. Tony was born on Jan. 22, 1929 to Frank J. Dooher and Margueritte E. (Morrissey) Dooher at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland, Ore.

Tony was raised in Cornelius, Ore. and went to Cornelius Elementary School. His mother was an elementary/high school teacher for over 50 years and Tony often remarked that his toughest teacher was his mother. After spending a year boarding at Columbia Prep School (now the University of Portland) Tony attended Central Catholic High School in Portland, graduating in 1947 (his stories of battling many feet of drifting, blowing snow to get to school each morning are legendary). After attending three years at The University of Portland, Tony was drafted into the military and chose to enlist in the Marines, eventually becoming a Master Sergeant. Tony also distinguished himself as a semi-pro baseball player while in the service. He briefly contemplated a career in baseball but family considerations led to other pursuits, and he was honorably discharged in 1953.

Tony met the love of his life, Ann Lee Bailey, while studying at U of P, and she at Lewis and Clark College. They were married on May 12, 1951 at Sacred Heart Church in Tillamook, Ore., Ann Lee's hometown. Tony finished his Bachelor's degree at U of P and graduated in 1954. He began teaching in Woodburn, Ore., moved to Tillamook and taught Physical Education and history at Tillamook Catholic High School. He moved over to Tillamook High School the following year, teaching history, Drivers Ed., and coaching the football, basketball and golf teams at THS for the next 10 years. Tony was a very successful coach, taking his basketball and football teams to many state tournaments. His enthusiasm for all sports, translated well to his students. He felt that guided competition was healthy and built character and he encouraged all his athletes to do the best they could with the ability they had. Tony always stressed that academic competency went hand-in-glove with sports. He was respected and admired as a mentor and role model for his athletes. Many still speak of him fondly. Living in a small town, it was impossible for any of his children to escape the label of being "one of Tony's kids."

Tony and Ann Lee grew their family in Tillamook eventually raising five children. Stephen (Bunny Way), Tom (Chris Kollaja), Joan (Neal Rothenberger), Sean (Judy Howard) and Joseph (Michelle Blaser). They all attended Sacred Heart Academy, Tillamook Catholic High School or Tillamook High School. Tony and Ann Lee were always very involved and active in their children's academic and sports endeavors.

In 1966 Tony joined his Father-in-law, Thomas Bailey at Tillamook Ford Motor Co. He worked there until he sold the firm in 1985 when he and Ann Lee moved to Hillsboro. In early 2016, they moved to Salem to be near their daughter.

In addition to his devoted wife, Ann Lee, Tony leaves five children, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his mother and father and his sister, Margaret Jane Coussens.

The Dooher family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at Willamette Valley Hospice for all their assistance and support, as well as the staff at Bonaventure Assisted Living community in Salem. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Tillamook, Ore., on Nov. 26, 2016 at 11 a.m., with a rosary at 10:30 a.m. Inurnment will be at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Ore. In lieu of flowers please make a contribution to your favorite charity in Tony's name or drop a note to Ann Lee. Tony was a unique, complex individual who loved his family above all. We'll miss you, dad.

