

John W. ("Jack") Littlefield (1912-2003)  
Catharine (Going) Littlefield (1910-1990)

Jack Littlefield and Catharine Littlefield were both born and raised in Coos County. Catharine graduated in 3 and ½ years from Marshfield Senior High School in 1928, active in student government, glee, music and theater. Jack's high school years were interrupted by economic challenges of the Great Depression, when he had to leave school to help support his family; but he was able to return to high school and graduated with the MHS Class of 1933, at age 21.

Jack and Catharine were married in 1942, and after Jack returned from duty in the United States Navy during the Second World War, they made their home in Coos Bay for the rest of their lives. In addition to managing the couple's home, Catharine worked 42 years as a cashier, salesperson, bookkeeper, secretary, and manager for numerous well-known local businesses: Bank of Southwestern Oregon, Coos Bay Gas Company, Coast Distributors, P. J. Rooney Auto, Hansen Electric, and Coos Country Club. After the war, Jack worked 37 years with Mountain States Power Company and its successors, Pacific Power and Light Company and PacifiCorp. He often helped restore electrical service to businesses and homes following storms and accidents. Jack's quick sense of humor, outgoing personality, good singing voice, and extensive knowledge of the land and people of Coos County brought him many acquaintances and friends over the years. He loved the outdoors and for many years was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Jack and Catharine's son also graduated from Marshfield Senior High School, as did their two grandchildren.

