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Axle Kopetsky

Photographed by Diane Stevenson

A special hospice caregiver

Axle Kopetsky, a hospice caregiver, helped care for his mother while she was on hospice care. Born in Helena, Montana on February 8, 1930, Axle’s cheerful face makes him look younger than his 78 years. Before moving to Aumsville, Oregon where he now resides with his brother, Axle lived in Portland’s St. Johns area with his mother. There he cared for her after she suffered a stroke. Axle is currently a patient with the palliative care program of Willamette Valley Hospice.

While in Portland, Axle delivered Oregonian newspapers for 20 years winning a customer service award. His mode of transportation ... a bicycle with a sidecar filled with his daily newspapers. Axle commented, “I made sure my papers made it close to the door.”

He adores people, model cars, games, puzzles and dolls. He has shelves and shelves of models of cars and trucks. He builds houses with lights in them using scraps of lumber. His feelings about Willamette Valley Hospice staff are that “they took good care of mom.”