

Peter Martin HERMENS  
St Boniface Catholic (Sublimity) Cemetery  
Marion County, Oregon

Apr 15, 1873 Lawrence, Marquette, Wisconsin  
Dec 15, 1915 Sublimity  
son of William Hermens & Catherine Natalia Muelemans

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P. M. HERMENS, who is manager of a creamery at Sublimity, was born in Brown county, Wisconsin, April 15, 1873. the son of William and Natalia (Meulmans) Hermens the father a native of Holland and the mother of Belgium. The father came to the United States, locating in Wisconsin, and remained there until 1884, when he went to Oregon, settling in Washington county. where he still lives. The mother died in 1911 and they had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary just ten days before her death. They were the parents of thirteen children; Rosalia, the wife of John Bernards of McMinnville, Oregon; Antone, of Forest Grove, Oregon; Lewis and Cornelius, both residents of McMinnville; Cornelia, the wife of John Peters, of Forest Grove; Willie, deceased; P. M., of this review; Constance, the wife of John Van Dyke, of Forest Grove; Pauline, the wife of Peter Kreiger, of McMinnville; Adelia, who is Sister Juliana in St. Mary's convent at Beaverton, Oregon; Nellie, deceased; and two children who died in infancy.

P.M. Hermens was educated in the common schools in Wisconsin and Oregon and remained at home helping on the home farm until twenty-two years of age. He then went to Washington county, Oregon, where he was employed in farming for three years, subsequent to which he was in a creamery at Verboort, after which he came to Sublimity, where he has been connected with the creamery business ever since. He built the first creamery in this locality, erecting the plant and installing the machinery and general equipment, but he later sold the establishment to the Hazelwood Creamery Company of Portland and the same plant is now used by the Purity Creamery company and Mr. Hermens operates it for them. He has also been engaged in freighting and in the livery business in Sublimity, having a barn on his home lot, which lot is two hundred feet square.

In 1895 Mr. Hermens was united in marriage to Miss Antoinette Vandervelden and they have become the parents of eight children; Angeline, William, Katie, Adrian, Mary and Agnes, all at home; and Katie and Genevieve, deceased. In politics Mr. Hermens is a democrat and he has filled some of the town offices. Both he and his wife are members of the Catholic church and they are held in the highest regard by all the residents of Sublimity.

(See next page for Richard Hermens' obituary)

Born in Sublimity to Adrian Hermens and Thelma Myers Hermens, he attended schools in Salem and Stayton. He graduated from Stayton High School in 1942 and went on for a year at Oregon State College.



Richard "Dick"  
Hermens

Dick joined the U.S. Navy ROTC and spent the following year in the Navy V-12 program at the University of Idaho. He received his Navy commission as Lieutenant (junior grade) from Columbia University at age 19 and served during World War II from 1943 to 1946. After discharge from the Navy post WWII, Dick returned to OSC to receive his Bachelor of Arts in 1948 and his Master of Arts in counseling in 1953.

Education became his passion; he taught math at Pendleton High School from 1949 to 1960; and returned to the valley in 1960 and worked for the Beaverton School District for 25 years, teaching at Sunset High School and serving as Principal at Meadow Park, Highland Park, Mountain View and William Walker schools. After retirement he taught math at Valley Catholic High School for another seven years.

Dick volunteered at St. Vincent de Paul and the Valley Catholic school complex, and was an active supporter of his fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha. Dick is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary Swart Hermens; son, John; daughters, Cynthia Hermens Dvorchak (Rich) and Melissa Hermens; and grandsons, Stephen Dvorchak and Tyler Steele. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Corinne Ullman.