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## OBITUARY

### RICHARD O. BORESEN

Richard O. Boresen, 92, of Salem, and originally from Norway, passed away on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. He was born January 1, 1922 in Halden Norway to the late Richard and Charlotte Boresen. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Martha Boresen and one of his sons, Ole Boresen. Mr. Boresen was a third generation tanner and he immigrated to Salem from Norway to head the laboratory at the Lease and McVitty Tannery in Salem. He and his wife were enchanted with the beauty of the Roanoke valley. Soon he became a United States citizen. After Lease and McVitty ceased operation in 1971 Mr. Boresen, well known and respected in the tannery field, went on to represent Rohm and Hass as Far East Director traveling between Japan,

South Korea, Philippines, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. After 12 years in the Far East he then spent ten years working for Wolverine Leathers, a division of Wolverine World Wide. Mr. Boresen and his wife retired to their beloved Roanoke valley in 1986. He started his membership with the ALCA in 1964.

He is survived by his two loving children, Ragnar Boresen of Berkeley, Calif., and Maiken Boresen of Salem. Per Mr. Boresen's wishes all services will be conducted in Norway where he will also be interned. A guest book is available by visiting [www.johnmoakey.com](http://www.johnmoakey.com).

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Few people realize that Leather Making is the world's oldest manufacturing process, thus the world's oldest industry. Tanning—the process of converting hides and skins into leather—is also the world's first science.

Also, because of the pure craftsmanship involved, tanning may well be the world's first art form.

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fibers per square inch has  
only to count them.

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