

Obituary

Born: Sunday, February 1, 1920

Died: Sunday, July 26, 2015

Longtime Pendleton resident Ernest "Ernie" Rostock, 95 passed away at Suttle Care facility in Pendleton on Sunday, July 26th. Ernie was born in La Grande, Oregon Feb 1, 1920 to parents Jacob and Ethel Rostock. He grew up in La Grande with brothers Glen & Edward and Sister Helen.

A 1938 graduate of La Grande High School he was an outstanding college basketball player at Eastern Oregon State College where he poured in 1,688 career points in four years of competition. Although he played at the small college level, his scoring record was established playing against most of the top schools in the Northwest. Rostock's scoring mark was a milestone in that it eclipsed the mark set the year before by the great Hank Lusetti of Stanford. Rostock was on the all-conference team both his junior and senior years and led the conference in scoring. In 1962 he was the first athlete from his college to be chosen for induction into NAIA Division II Hall of Fame. In 1988 he was inducted into the Eastern Oregon State College Hall of Fame. Ernie is one of only three men to play, coach and referee in the state triple A basketball tournament. His activities in these areas spanned a period from the 1930's to 1980. He coached Pendleton High School basketball from 1946-1951. Ernie continued his basketball prowess in the Navy during WWII where he was a starter on the Memphis Naval Air technical training center basketball team. He served in the Navy Air Corp from 1943-45.

In 1947 he married Carolyn Elizabeth Williams and they celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary this past March. Together they raised three children Mark, Julie and Jill. Carolyn has been a loving and supporting companion for Ernie. In addition to his interest in all sports, Ernie's hobbies included hunting, fishing and bowling and going to garage sales.

Ernie began his career in education in 1945 teaching health and science at the elementary level in Hermiston, Ore. In 1946 he was hired in Pendleton to teach PE and Health at Helen McCune Junior High school He remained at Helen McCune for 13 years. Ernie received his Masters of Education in 1951 from the University of Oregon. He served as Principal at John Murray Junior high from 1959 until his retirement in 1980.

Ernie's life was centered on his family and his community. He spent 34 years in the Pendleton Education system and impacted the lives of many students. Ernie served his community in many organizations over the 69 years he lived in Pendleton: County President of United Good Neighbors, Member of the United Methodist church for 60 years, Kiwanis Club, Pendleton Frontier collectors club, County

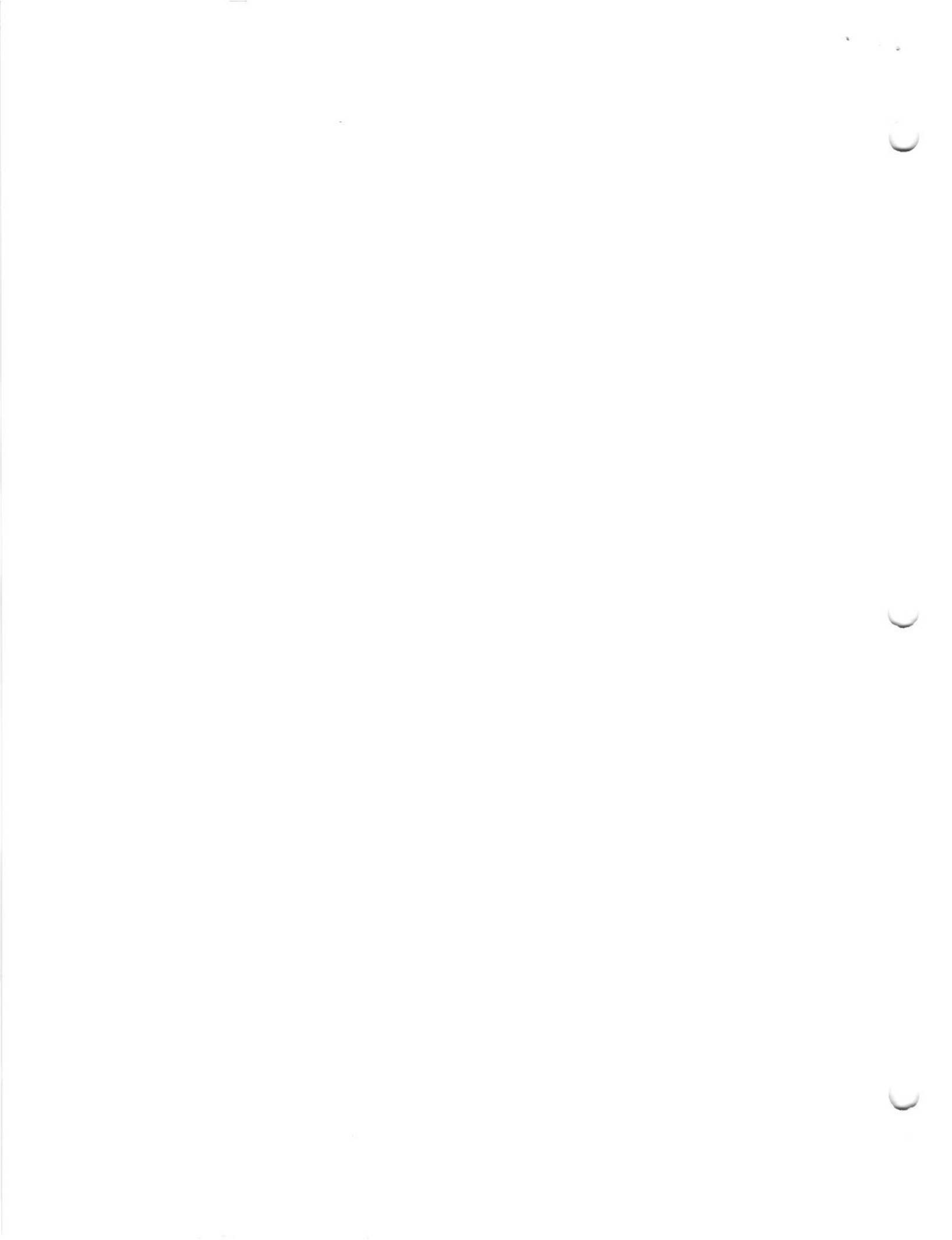
Service Summary

Funeral Service

10:00 AM Fri Jul 31, 2015

First United Methodist Church

352 SE 2nd Street
Pendleton, Oregon 97801



Mental Health Division Board, Eastern Oregon Alcoholism Foundation are just a few of the many organizations that he was involved with.

After his retirement in 1980 Ernie and Carol began a second career when they opened an antique store in Pendleton called "My Wife's Antiques" Ernie was an avid collector all his life so the store provided a perfect opportunity for the two of them working together doing something they enjoyed. Ernie was always a very competitive person and strived to excel in all areas of his life. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Ernie is survived by his wife, Carolyn Rostock of Pendleton. His children Mark Rostock, Key Largo, Florida, Julie (Greg) Hart, Connell, Washington, and Jill (Cliff) Banister of Pendleton. Grandsons Eric(Chafen) Hart, Dallas, Texas, Brian (Kelli) Hart of Seattle, Washington. Ernie was blessed with five great grandchildren Allie, Hal, Lucy, Dottie and Andrew.

Ernie was preceded in death by his parents, siblings Helen (Wallace) Allen, Edward Rostock, Glenn (Marge) Rostock and grand daughter Emily Louise Hart.

The family is grateful for the kind and supportive care that was given to Ernie during his years at McKay Creek Estates and Suttle Care.

A memorial service for Ernie will take place on Friday, July 31st at 10:00 at the First United Methodist Church in Pendleton followed by interment at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

