

Melvin E. 'Mel' Baker

Pendleton

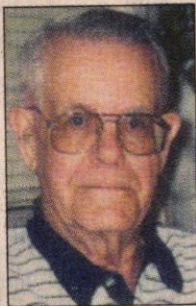
November 4, 1925-February 15, 2015

Melvin E. "Mel" Baker, a Pendleton resident, passed away Sunday, February 15, 2015, at a local care facility. He was 89 years

in 1947.

On December 10th, 1962, he married Betty J. Brown, they made their home in Pendleton. He was employed for 30 years at the Eastern Oregon State Hospital where he was an administrative supervisor. Melvin was a member of the VFW Let'er Buck Post #922.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 20, 2015, at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton, Oregon. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com. Arrangements are with Burns Mortuary of Pendleton.



Baker

Melvin was born November 4, 1925, to Collins and Orba (Galloway) Baker in Pendleton. He had two brothers and two sisters. He was raised and educated in Pendleton. He enlisted into the U.S. Navy and served his country in the Central Pacific during WWII. After four years in the Navy he was honorably discharged

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Betty, at the home in Pendleton; stepsons Richard R. Brown and Stephen D. Brown, both of Pendleton, and stepdaughter Sharlyn Briggs of Yakama, Wash.; 10 stepgrandchildren and 15 stepgreat-grandchildren; two nieces, two nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, both brothers and both sisters.

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ers and with farmers," Pedro said.

She said during her visits Brown has done everything from meeting with Ambre Energy about the Port of Morrow coal export project to discussing water needs and irrigation practices with local farmers.

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Brown's last visit to Hermiston was Sept. 11, 2014. She spoke to Hermiston's government affairs team about ways her office was cutting red tape for small businesses, and visited Hermiston High School to talk about the importance of voter registration.

Pedro said she reached out to Brown's office on Tuesday and extended an invitation for Brown to visit Hermiston in her new role

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"We have had a wonderful relationship with Kate Brown for more than 20 years," he said.

He said Brown has visited the reservation many times and often talks about the fact that her first legislative committee assignment as a freshman in the Oregon House of Representatives was to be on the Legislative Commission on Indian Services, where she served