

Forrest Leroy Baker Jr.

Pendleton

August 28, 1932-February 10, 2015

Forrest Leroy Baker Jr., a Pendleton resident, died Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at a local care facility. He was 82 years old.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

Forrest was born August 28, 1932, to Forrest and Emma (Shafer) Baker in Pendleton, Oregon. He delivered newspapers for the *East Oregonian* for many years while growing up. He lived in Pendleton his whole life except for his tour in the U.S. Air Force where he was stationed in Germany, and while studying engineering for 3½ years at Oregon State University. He married Patricia Lee Mangan on September 8, 1990, in Pendleton.

He was the produce manager at Safeway for many years before changing careers, going to work at Harris Building Supply. He worked as the manager at Harris Building Supply for 30 years, and at Tum-A-Lum Lumber for 14 years.

He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, where he dedicated his time as church custodian for 45 years. Forrest enjoyed gardening in his spare time and always grew a huge garden.

He is survived by his wife Patricia of Pendleton; chil-

dren Katherine Louise Baker Blair and husband Robert of Pendleton, Mabelle Marie Baker Colligan and husband

Denis of Walla Walla, Wash., Diana Lynn Baker Hall and husband Sterling of Hermiston, Ore., and Forrest Ray Baker and wife Kristi Wellington-Baker of Walla Walla, Wash., and he was a second father to Leslie Hermon of Moses Lake, Wash.; brothers Guy Leslie Baker of La Mirada, Calif., and Edwin Laverne Baker of Magalia, Calif.; grandchild-

dren Benjamin Joseph Blair and wife Casidy Blair of Hermiston, Kyle Alexander Blair of Pendleton, Jason Allen Carter and wife Shinae of Portland, Annelise Katrina Baker of Walla Walla, Wash., Andy Allen Hall of Denver, Colo., Daniel James Hall and wife Danielle of Medford, Sterling Dean Hall of Hermiston, Garrett Hunter Hall of Hermiston, Anthony Wellington-Buttice and Nick Wellington-Buttice of Walla Walla, Wash., Taeler Ann Hermon and Tyler Ali Hermon of Moses Lake, Wash., as well as great-grandchildren Beowulf Joseph Blair of Hermiston and Kai Carter of Portland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Forrest and Emma Baker, a brother Charles Lee Baker and two sisters, Eleanor Harriett Baker and Emma Maybelle Baker.



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By **BRADY MCCOMBS**

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A Mormon man who gained notoriety over the past decade for running a website that offers doubting Latter-day Saints a forum to chat has been kicked out of the religion.

John Dehlin announced the decision from regional church leaders Tuesday. He becomes the second high-profile church member to be excommunicated in the past year in what Mormon scholars consider to be the Utah-based faith's way of keeping dissenters in line.

A regional church leader in North Logan told Dehlin in a letter that Mormon officials made a unanimous decision to excommunicate him for apostasy, defined by the church as repeatedly acting in clear public opposition to the faith.

While not a lifelong ban, excommunication is a rare move that amounts to the harshest punishment available for a church member.

The letter from Bryan King says Dehlin is being kicked out not because he doubted and asked questions about church doctrine, but because he made categorical statements opposing the faith that were disseminated on his website. King wrote that Dehlin's actions have led others to leave the faith.

"You do not have the right to remain a member of the church in good standing while openly and publicly trying to convince others that church teachings are in



John Dehlin arrives with his wife at the North Logan Stake Center for North Logan, Utah, on Sunday.

error," King wrote.

Dehlin lives in North Logan, a city of 9,600 about 85 miles north of Salt Lake City.

The decision comes two days after he met with church leaders in a four-hour disciplinary hearing.

Dehlin, 45, is a married father of four who has been a Latter-day Saint his entire life. He is a doctoral candidate in psychology who previously worked in the high-tech industry.

He hoped he wouldn't be excommunicated but told church leaders he could not in good conscience stop operating his website, Mormonstories.org.

"We're going to keep telling stories and keep providing support and community for Mormons who