

Joseph J. Churchill

Pendleton

June 19, 1940-December 30, 2014

Joseph J. Churchill, a Pendleton resident, passed away Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, Washington. He was 74 years old.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 10, 2015, 11:00 a.m., at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton chapel. Disposition was by cremation. He will be inurned at Olney Cemetery next to his longtime girlfriend Betty Hollin. Contributions in memory of Joe Churchill may be made to CAPECO Food Bank and may be sent in care of Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

He was born Arlyn James Churchill on June 19, 1940, to O. and Hazel Churchill in Elgin, Oregon. He graduated from Elgin High School in 1959.

Joe was a lifelong Volk-

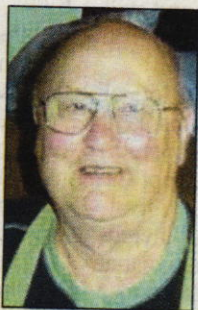
swagen mechanic who began his career in Texarkana, Arkansas. He moved to Salem, Oregon, where he worked at Everly's for seven years. He then moved his family to Union County where he worked in La Grande, finally retiring from Obie's in Pendleton. He loved his work and his customers. Joe worked hard to provide a comfortable life for his family.

He was a member of the Elks lodge and the NRA. He was a Portland Trail Blazers fan and enjoyed the games. He looked forward every year to the Pendleton

Round-Up. He liked camping, fishing and sightseeing on vacations.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otho and Hazel Churchill, and longtime girlfriend Betty Hollin.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Jesse and Tonya Chandler of Elgin, Ore.; two sisters, Linda Rake and De Houston, both of Carlton, Ore.; and numerous nieces and nephews.



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ing transmission lines. The Columbia Basin and southern Idaho share power across the grid during times of peak demand, which alternate between winter and summer months, respectively.

The project is needed to ensure reliability of customers' growing power demands, said manager Todd Adams, as well as keeping rates affordable. At the same time, he said the company sympathizes with farmers and will continue work to mitigate the burden placed on them.

"There's been a lot of valid concern," Adams said. "We know nobody appreciates a power line except the power company."

The final EIS will included a preferred alternative that is the result of compromise between all agencies and affected landowners. Adams said they will push for a route that runs along the west side of Bombing Range Road, though that will take some negotiating with the U.S. Navy. The Grassland Substation alternative would also avoid any impacts to the

Boardman Tree Farm. Idaho Power hopes to have both state and federal permitting done as early as 2018, with the project up and running by 2020. Depending on the final route, it could cost between \$880-970 million.

Company spokeswoman Stephanie McCurdy said they are trying their best to make everyone happy, but in reality that's a tall order to fill.

"People want the lights to come on when they flip the switch," McCurdy said. "There have to be larger compromises in order to make that happen, and building a transmission line is one way to do it."

The public has until March 19 to comment on the draft EIS. More information including a schedule of project meetings and virtual open house, is available online at www.boardmantohemingway.com.

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