

Charles J. Daly

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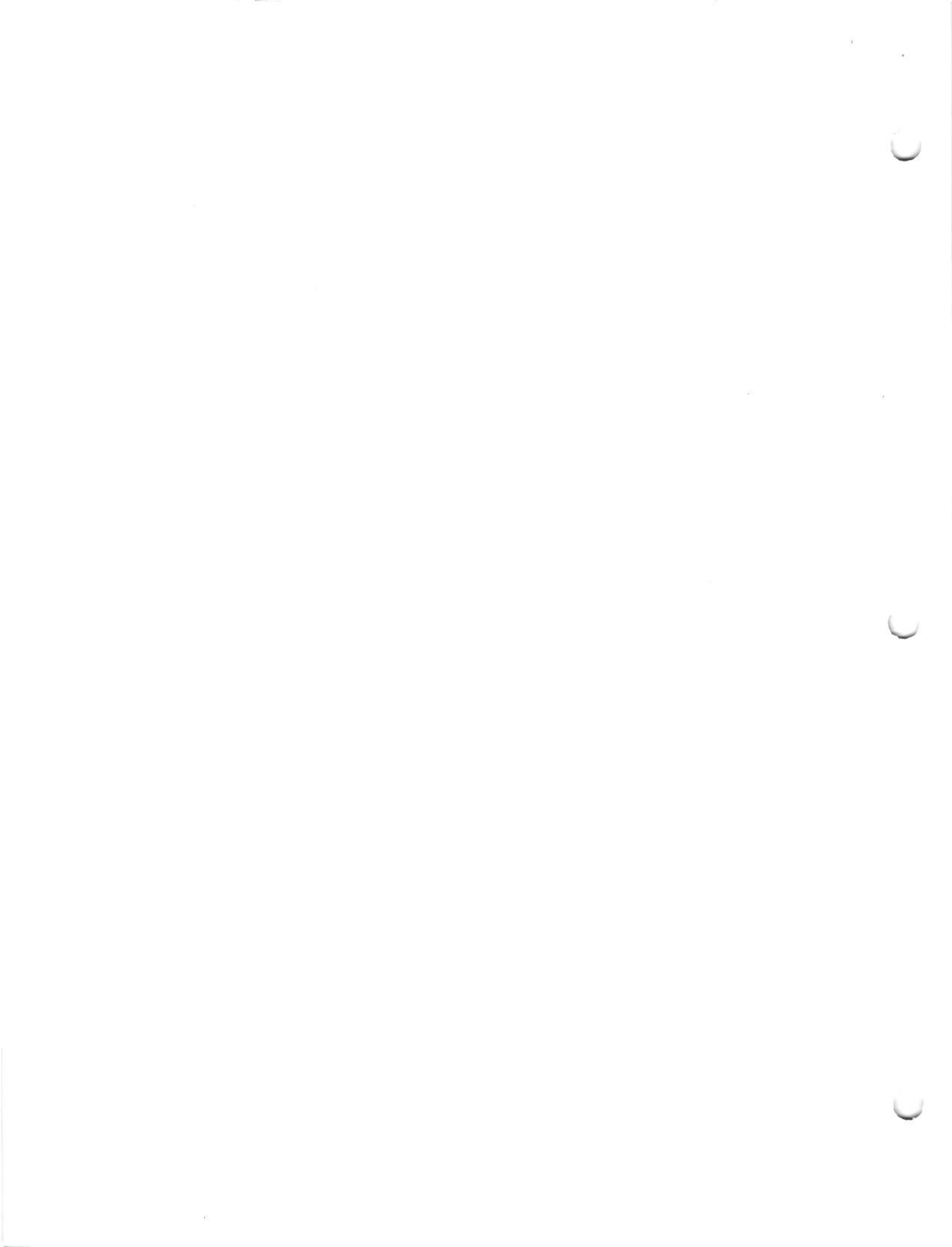
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Charles J. Daly, 86, of Heppner died Saturday, January 16, 2016, due to complications from pneumonia. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will held on Saturday, January 23, 2016, beginning at 10 a.m. at St Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m.

Charlie was the son of pioneer settlers; born in Heppner, Oregon, on December 9, 1929, to James and Kate (McDevitt) Daly. Jim and Kate had emigrated from Ireland to Morrow County where Jim had proved up on a homestead in Newman Canyon, a branch of Little Buttercreek.

Charlie and his sisters grew up on the family ranch, he attended the Pine City schoolhouse through seventh grade. The students were then bused to Echo where he graduated from Echo High School. Charlie was an accomplished athlete holding several school records and later enjoyed seeing long-time friends at the annual reunions.

The family, like most ranching families, were "sustainable growers," and primarily raised sheep until the late 1960s. Charlie never regretted taking down the sheep barns and transitioning to cattle ranching as, in his opinion, "cattle are a lot less labor than sheep."



Charlie met his future wife while recovering from a leg injury. She was a registered nurse at St. Anthony Hospital. On September 26, 1953, Charlie married Yvonne Jarrard at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pendleton, Oregon. Charlie brought his new bride out to live on Little Buttercreek, where they raised their children and hosted family and friends over the next 62 years.

Charlie was active in many organizations and was honored to be named 1978 Morrow County Cattleman of the Year, 1988 Oregon State Extension Service Cooperator of the Year, and 1999 Oregon Trail Pro-Rodeo and Morrow County Fair Grand Marshal. Charlie was honored with a lifetime pass for his years of service to the Pendleton Round-Up, and the Daly family was honored in 2011 as grand marshals for the annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration in Heppner.

Charlie is survived by six children: Jeanne Daly, Patty Daly, David (Kathy) Daly, Tim (Maggie) Daly, Mary (Jon) Gill, and JoLynn (Galen) Anderson; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Patricia Boyd; and several beloved nieces and nephews and many "adopted" extended family.

Charlie was preceded in death by his wife, Yvonne, who passed away two months previously. Also preceding Charlie were his parents, two sisters, Mary (Daly) Doherty and Kathlene (Daly) Stuvland, and one son, Daniel.

He was blessed to live his 86 years on the family ranch, his favorite place. While he enjoyed some traveling, he preferred being on Little Buttercreek where he watched his hills turning green in the spring and bringing wildflowers for Yvonne. He wanted everyone to know he "had a good ride" and was ready to go home.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Charlie with donations to the following: Heppner Altar Society, St. Patrick Catholic Church, P.O. Box 633, Heppner, OR 97836; Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836; or Heppner St. Patrick's Day Celebration, P.O. Box 1232, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements.

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