Roy Russell Gessele
August 1, 1928-April 2, 2010

PENDLETON — Roy Russell Gessele, 81, of Pendleton, died Friday, April 2, 2010 at a local care facility.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, April 6 at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Graveside Funeral Services will be conducted at 2p.m. at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton. Sign the register at www.burnsmortuary.com. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.
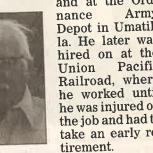
Roy Russell Gessele was born on August 1, 1928 in Missoula, Mont. His father, Christian C. Gessele, and his mother, Johanna Gessele, immigrated from Germany to Missoula, Mont. when Roy was born.

They eventually moved to Pendleton, where they built a small house on Southeast Byers Avenue.

Roy worked his early years at Harris Pine Mill and at the Ordnance Army Depot in Umatilla. He later was hired on at the Union Pacific Railroad, where he worked until he was injured on the job and had to take an early retirement.

Roy is survived by six children: Beverly Marten of St. Jacob, IL, Mary Lou Oldhom of Benton City, Wash., Mike Gessele of Pendleton, Debra Ngyuen of Pendleton, Sherry Doherty of Pendleton, Gary Gessele of Missoula, Mont., as well as 7 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and beloved son Larry Christian Gessele, who died in 1960.

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