

Donald Everett 'Don' Hulick

Pendleton

September 25, 1950-February 17, 2015

Don was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla, Washington, to Leon-tine (Fiess) Hulick and Ever-ett Harvey Hulick.

He grew up in Milton-Freewater, Oregon, where he worked for several farmers either fixing their rigs or working in the orchards. He graduated from Mac High in 1969. He attend-ed college at Blue Mountain Commu-nity College and was then drafted into the United States Army. He would return after his enlistment to finish his associ-ate's degrees in diesel and electricity.

During his time in the Army he ended up at Fort Hood, Texas, where he took a desk job typing out dishon-orable discharges. On April 11, 1971, he married Vivian L. Brown from Adams, Or-egon. While living in Texas, they had a son Chantz, and after returning to Pendleton they added two more chil-dren, Shad and Charee'.

He worked at Diesel Ser-vice Unit Company while he was finishing his education. A college dean came out one day and asked if he wanted to teach. That started his tenure of teaching at BMCC for 28 years. In 1980 while working at BMCC he developed and demonstrated an engine fu-eled by alcohol that he and the students had designed and converted.

He started working for the USDA after his tenure at the college. During this time he received the "Spot Award" for developing and imple-menting energy savings techniques for them. While working for the USDA Walla Walla Community College recruited him to set up their diesel program and get them certified. His success there earned him "The President's Volunteer Service Award."

He belonged to several clubs in his lifetime, most notably The Lee Riders in Pendleton, The Walla Walla Kennel Club for 25 years, and The Umatilla County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. He was active in them all, serv-ing in several different posi-tions.

He had an immense love

of people. He and his fami-ly hosted several exchange students over the years. He traveled to Spain and Swe-den in 2013 to re-connect with two of them, Hanna Bjork-lund and Domingo Figueira de la Rosa. They have always been close to him and he considered them part of his family.

He was always quick to help a friend or relative in need, whether it was to repair their cars or mend their homes. He and his wife had a dream of building a home and they started ful-filling that dream in 1991. The family moved into the ga-rage in 1993 while they finished the interior. His friends call their home "a labor of love." He dug the hole for the foundation, poured the foundation,

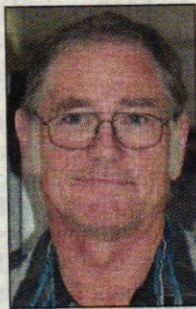
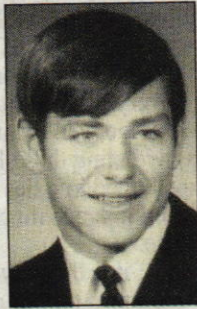
and slowly built the home from the ground up. He still resided there when he went into the hospital from com-plexions from ALS, "Lou Gehrig's Disease," which ul-timately took his life.

He is survived by his spouse at the home; son Chantz E. Hulick of Camas, Washington; son and daugh-ter-in-law Shad N. and Amber Hulick of Aloha, Oregon; daughter Charee' G. Wheeler of Lake Oswego, Oregon; grandson Kaden E. Wheeler of Lake Oswego, Oregon; sister Barbara Freel of Mil-ton-Freewater, Oregon; aunt Elsie Garner of Missoula, Montana; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

There will be a short graveside service on March 6, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. at Ol-ney Cemetery in Pendleton. Immediately following the service there will be a "Cel-ebration of Life" at the Pend-leton VFW Hall.

Memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Foundation or a Horse Res-cue Center or your choice, c/o Pendleton Pioneer Chap-el, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801. Online condolences may be shared with the fam-ily at www.pioneerchapel.com.



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and it shouldn't be treated as one. Having an appointed judge relieves the judge of the need to worry about re-election and the need to seek votes from those that he or she must rule in favor of or against on a daily basis. Taking the politics out of the process will hopefully create the perception, if not reality, of a more neutral tribunal.

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An elected judge can also cause a lot of problems from a management perspective. Elected judges can get cities into trouble through mismanagement of city funds and not following applicable labor laws.

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Because removal of an elected judge relies almost entirely on the recall process, there is very little ability to control an elected judge who creates liability for a city by violating these laws. It is widely acknowledged in cities across Oregon that an elected judge is much more difficult to discipline.

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Finally, it is the mayor and council's most important task to oversee the funds of the city. For them and the city manager to keep a separately elected department head within established budgetary requirements can be a difficult job.

The issue of an elected or appointed judge should not take away from the need for a new and modern charter for the city. To that end, the council has proposed two separate ballot measures. One will be for the community to decide if they approve of the changes to the charter as suggested with our current elected judge position. The second measure, if the community agrees with the council, is an immediate amendment to appoint the judge. By having two separate measures, the voters can decide the issue of an elected or appointed municipal court judge on its own merits, separate and apart from the adoption of a new charter.

David Drotzmann is the mayor of Hermiston.

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findings displeased the industry. Supporters of this anti-grouse agenda included many other industry groups and a herd of congressmen and senators. In June, Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., and then-Rep. Cory Gardner, R-Colo., now a senator, introduced a bill meant to prevent the sage grouse from being listed under the Endangered Species Act for 10 years. According to a Center for Responsive Politics database, Big Oil donated more than \$600,000 to Gardner during the 2014 campaign season alone. Enzi, for his part, has taken in more than \$500,000 in oil-industry campaign dollars throughout his congressional career.

Oil and gas interests are delighted, having worked hard to bar

Perhaps the best insight into the industry's strategy of tarnishing supporters of a sage grouse listing came during the Western Energy Alliance's annual meeting in Colorado Springs last summer. The meeting featured presentations such as