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## Michael 'Mr. Mike' McDaid

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Michael "Mr. Mike" McDaid, 90, of Pendleton passed away on October 20, 2017, at St. Anthony Hospital in the loving company of his family. He was born April 1, 1927, in Donegal, Ireland, to Henry and Maria (McLaughlin) McDaid.

Mike grew up with 11 siblings in a traditional Irish Catholic family. He developed a strong work ethic in his childhood that carried on to his adult life as he could always be found working to support his family.

In 1950 he decided to chase work in Manchester, England, where he did masonry work. While there he met the love of his life, Josephine Corcoran. In an effort to seek more opportunity, Mike immigrated to the United States. He landed in Pilot Rock in 1958 to work as a sheep herder on the Doherty Ranch. He missed Josie who was still in England and mailed her a ring and proposal. She accepted and on February 27, 1960, he and Josie were wed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pendleton.

Mr. Mike was known by many in the community; either from his custodial job with the Pendleton School District, through St. Mary's Catholic Church or in more recent years his "exercise" walking the aisles of Wal-Mart. He was an incredibly social person that loved to dance; he did not stay strangers with anyone for long. Perhaps having been born on April Fool's Day is what made him a jokester; you could always count on him for a joke or good story.

His faith was very important to him and was a long-time member of St. Mary's Catholic Church along with being a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his loving wife, Josie McDaid of Pendleton; children Mary McDaid of Portland, Jon (Heather) McDaid of Portland, Ed (Nisa) McDaid of Amboy, Wash., and Jodi (Mike) Gaffney of Seattle, Wash.; and seven grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 27, 2017. Mike was an active member of the community and would love for those who knew him to celebrate his life through a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2017. Burial at Olney Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2017. Luncheon will follow in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

