

John Frederick Mollahan

Lexington, Ore.

May 17, 1935-April 14, 2013

John Mollahan passed away April 14, 2013, in McMinnville, Oregon.

John was born to Patrick and Elsie Mollahan in Heppner, Oregon. He lived in the Heppner area nearly his entire life. John grew up in a small house on Main Street in Heppner until 1943, and then moved to a small farm north of Heppner. John graduated from Heppner High School in 1953, where he was Student Body President. After a tour in the U.S. Army, he returned to the family farm near Heppner.

In 1956, John married Millis (Mickey) Nichols. He and Mickey had two children, Jackie and Joe. John was hired by the city of Heppner as a police officer in 1962. He was elected Morrow County Sheriff in 1969, and served in that position until 1976.

John loved farming and

the people of Morrow County. He treasured the friendship of so many people throughout his life. He took great pride in knowing just about everyone in the

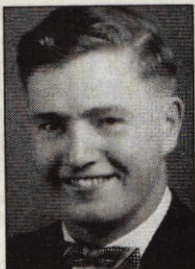
Heppner area and much of its history.

John was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother, Robert.

John is survived by his wife, Christina Lee Sharp Mollahan. John and Christina were married for 25 years and made their home in Lexington. He is also survived by his sister, Mary, of Seattle, Washington; his brother, Larry, of Vancouver, Washington; his daughter, Jackie, of Lansing, Kansas; and his son, Joe, of Yamhill, Oregon.

At John's request, a private

graveside service will be held at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton, Oregon, where he will be laid to rest next to his parents.



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for many miles across the Texas prairie. It demolished nearly everything for several blocks around the plant. More than 200 people were hurt, and Muska said five first-responders were among those who remained hospitalized Friday.

The first-responders "knew it was dangerous. They knew that thing could go up at any time," said Ronnie Sykora, who was Pustejovsky's deacon at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. "But they also knew that if they could extinguish that fire before it went up, that they could save tens of lives, hundreds of lives. That's why they were in there."

Earlier in the day, Edward Smith, a volunteer chaplain for the Dallas Police Department, counseled firefighters at West's fire station.

"Right now, the general public might be saying, 'Well, why aren't they talking about this?'" Smith said of the firefighters. "They don't necessarily even want to talk about it. They're holding out hope."

In a town of just 2,800 people, everyone here knew someone affected by the explosion.

Officials offered reassurances Friday about the 60 or so people listed as unaccounted for after the blast. McLennan County Judge Scott Felton said many people on

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