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Walter Wayne Royal was born August 7, 1919, at Sylvester, Georgia, to Alva Royal and Cora Lee Chapman Royal. The Royals moved to the state of Florida when Wayne was five years old. He attended schools in Sarasota and Bradenton, Florida, and graduated from Bradenton High School in 1938.

After high school he attended the University of Florida at Gainesville. In 1941 he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. His tour of duty with the Air Force brought him to Walla Walla, Wash. He was stationed at Walla Walla Air Base with the 88th Bombardment Group. It was here he met the love of his life, Barbara Jean Fine, and they were married September 5, 1943.

After World War II Wayne and Barbara settled in Walla Walla, Wash., and Wayne was employed with United Air Lines. In 1947 Wayne left United to work for Pacific Power and Light Co. From Walla Walla they later moved to Portland, Ore., to Pendleton, Ore., to Albany, Ore., then back to Pendleton. Wayne retired from Pacific Power and Light in 1981 after 35 years.

During the years the children were growing up Wayne was involved in Scouting, Little League, and camping with his family. He loved to travel the road in an RV. He also enjoyed hunting and golf.

Wayne and Barbara were active members of the First Presbyterian Church and served several years on the Board of Elders. He is a past member of BPOE 287 Walla Walla and BPOE 288 Pendleton.

After retirement Wayne and Barbara did much traveling throughout the United States and spent several winters in Florida.

His wife Barbara passed away September 2, 2010, after 67 years of marriage.

May of 2015 Wayne moved to Spokane, Wash., to be closer to his daughter and resided at Riverview Retirement Assisted Living.

Survivors today include sons Gregory (Diane) Royal, Pendleton, Ore., Mark (Marla) Royal, Pendleton, Ore., and Gordon (Gaylene) Royal, La Grande, Ore.; daughters Ann (Steve) Lamphere, Roseburg, Ore., and Carol (Jim) Thomson, Spokane, Wash.; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Brothers Bob, Jack, Morris and John Royal and sister Jeanette Tate, all of Florida, preceded him in death.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, February 24th in the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Viewing will be from noon to 1 p.m. with service to follow. A reception will be held in the First Presbyterian Church Rogers Room, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton, after the funeral service, and gravesite burial will be attended by family only after the reception.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Pendleton, or directly or through Burns Mortuary of Pendleton.

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