

Obituary: Joseph F. Smith

July 25, 1921-April 3, 2010

Wednesday, April 07, 2010



PENDLETON - Joseph F. Smith, 88, of Pendleton died Saturday, April 3, 2010, at Willowbrook Terrace in Pendleton. A graveside funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 8 at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

Mr. Smith was born July 25, 1921, in Pell City, Ala., to James C. and Flora (Jackson) Smith. He was raised and educated in Pell City, and graduated from high school there. At 18 he enlisted in the Army, and served his country with the 6th Cavalry Regiment during World War II. He served in the Army for 9 years.

He was married in 1947 in Pendleton to Vivian Fanshier. The following year he was honorably discharged from the Army. The couple made their home in Pendleton.

He worked for the Oregon State Highway Department for 21½ years. He was a heavy equipment operator and worked all over the state of Oregon, helping to build roads and clear away the snow in winter.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife Vivian Smith at the home in Pendleton, and many nieces and nephews.

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He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Homer Smith; and sisters Dorothy Mahan and Katherine Johnson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or a charity of the donor's choice in care of Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the register or send condolences to the family at www.burnsmortuary.com.