

Billy Dean Turner

Rieth

October 27, 1937-March 4, 2013

Billy Dean Turner, a longtime resident of Rieth, Oregon, passed away at home Monday, March 4th, 2013, surrounded by family. He was 75 years old.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held on Sunday, March 10th, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Burns Mortuary of Pendleton chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday morning, March 11th, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Mission, Oregon, followed by burial at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton. A luncheon will follow at the Pendleton Eagles Lodge. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is handling arrangements.

Billy Dean Turner was born October 27, 1937, in Berger, Texas, to Leslie and Marie Turner. He was the youngest of eight children. He moved with his family from Texas to Redmond, Oregon, and later settled in Rieth. He attended school in Rieth until 8th grade, and then attended Pendleton High School. After high school his career was focused in the timber industry, working in sawmills and owning and operating Bill Turner Trucking. He retired in 2000.

He had numerous interests which included: watching high school athletics, he was an avid Oregon State Beavers fan, and he loved spending time with his family but his true passion in life was racing and anything that had to do with it. Bill had a racing career in the local Hardtop Association in the late '50s and early '60s.



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He was an active member and past president of the Rieth Water District, where he played an intricate role in getting sewer systems and fire protection in Rieth. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pendleton.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Margaret Turner; his children Bill, Bob, Les and Michelle; his grandchildren Billy, Colton, Cheyenne and Angel; his sister Martha Miller of Pendleton; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings: Joe, Ray, Leslie, Mary, Martha and Nina.

Contributions in memory of Billy Dean Turner may be made to the Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge #28 Funeral Fund, and may be sent in care of Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Merkley calls for reversal

termining how exactly the cuts will affect its budget. But he said they could squash state plans to increase its education budget by \$400 million next fiscal year, which starts July 1.

"I certainly don't want the federal government sequestration to slow down that momentum that we've got going on in Oregon," he said.

Merkley said he hopes lawmakers will reverse the sequestration by March 27 — the deadline for making other cuts to avert a government shutdown.

"I very much hope that later this month we will have a return of rationality to Capitol Hill," Merkley

said. "I'm not predicting that we'll succeed, but I wanted folks to realize that this additional cliff is just weeks away."

Merkley said legislators can free up funds for education by eliminating tax cuts for other groups.

"Are we going to continue ancient tax cuts to oil rather than fund Head Start ... (and) Title I in our schools?" he said. "I voted against (sequestration) because I felt like this design would put our entire country at risk of a very unwise course and that's where we find ourselves."

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Future of dealership unknown

Pendleton.

The Washington Attorney General's Office last week sued Gilbert's dealerships in Washington and Idaho, alleging they failed to pay off buyers' trade-in vehicles under Washington and Idaho laws, which resulted in some buyers paying on new and old vehicles at the same time. Subsequently, Walla Walla County Superior Court Judge Scott Wolfram granted the AG's office a preliminary injunction Friday that ordered Gilbert businesses to comply with Washington auto dealer and consumer protection laws requiring prompt pay-off of customers' trade-in vehicles.

He also said his companies are "working to address an issue with Honda Financial Services, and we expect this action to be to be dismissed in the coming days." American Honda Finance Corp. filed a \$1 million lawsuit in federal court that alleges Gilbert, Gilbert Honda and GA Group Properties violated construction loan and wholesale financing agreements. Additionally, Gilbert faces other lawsuits, including from a former Milton-Freewater dealer.

Gilbert didn't answer questions the *EO* asked by email, including if he has plans to close the Pendleton dealership and if he is