



Obituary

Born: Monday, September 20, 1926

Died: Sunday, November 9, 2014

Joel A. Woodruff

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Joel A. Woodruff – longtime Pendleton resident died Sunday, November 9, 2014, at his home. He was 88 years old. Viewing will be held Monday, November 17, 2014, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Tuesday between 8:00 and 10:00 AM at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, November 18th at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton, with interment to follow at Olney Cemetery. Sign the online condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is handling arrangements.

Joel Woodruff was born September 20, 1926 in Tremonton, Utah, to V.J. and Millie Rosetta Woodruff. He was raised in Tremonton where he attended Seventh-day Adventist Church School through 10th grade, as well as Welding Classes at Bear River High School. His family had an airplane on the family farm. Joel belonged to the Flying Farmers of America Club. He had a private pilot's license and could fly cross-country and take passengers. He narrowly missed military service; WWII was almost over by the time he turned 18. On November 24, 1947 he married Wilma Lee Randall in Elko, NV. They moved to: Dallas, Oregon, in 1950; then Lakeside, Oregon, in 1953; to Odgen, Utah, in 1956; on to Boise, Idaho, in 1960; establishing residency in Umatilla County, Oregon in 1975. Wilma preceded him in death in 1977. On February 24, 1978, Joel married Joyce Marie Hobdy in Gooding, Idaho. They made their home in Pendleton. Joel was a long-haul truck driver, owning his own truck. He made many cross-country trips and retired in 1985. He received the American Trucking Association Safe Driver Award for having no accidents for 14 years. Joel had always been very handy. He enjoyed building, welding and fixing everything so it wouldn't ever break down again. He said the only thing he couldn't fix was himself. He was an engineer in everything but a degree. Joyce preceded him in death in August of 2006.

He is survived by his children: Thomas Jay Woodruff of Pendleton, OR, Alethea Love Hammer of Emmett, Idaho, and Mildred Hope Cellini of Suisun City, CA, sisters; Mary Ellen Fischer of Falls City, Oregon, Alice Marsh of Dove Creek, CO, and Ruth Maddy of Wahkiacus, WA, as well as three grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and friends.

Service Summary

Visitation

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Mon Nov 17, 2014

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Tue Nov 18, 2014

Burns Mortuary

336 SW Dorion Avenue
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

Funeral Service

11:00 AM Tue Nov 18, 2014

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Interment following funeral service

12:00 PM Tue Nov 18, 2014



He was preceded in death by his father V.J. Woodruff and mother Millie Rosetta Woodruff, brothers Owen, Arlin Lawrence, Willis and good little ole' Wesley, sister dear little Bonnie, his first wife Wilma Lee and second wife Joyce Marie.

