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Donnie F. 'Don' Wurtz

Dec. 23, 1930-Aug. 30, 2010

PENDLETON — Donnie F. "Don" Wurtz, 79, of Pendleton died Monday, Aug. 30, 2010, at his home. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3 at the First Church of God in Pendleton.

Mr. Wurtz was born Dec. 23, 1930, in Covina, Calif., to Fred and Ida (Oldham) Wurtz. He was raised in San Dimas, Calif., where he attended San Dimas Grammar School and Bonita High School. He then enlisted in the Air Force, serving as an airman during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He married Margaret Ellen Stiverson in 1952 in Leavenworth, Kan. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1953.

After his discharge the family resided in San Dimas, where he worked for Taylor Fiber as a machinist. He then was employed at Aero Jet General as a research and development representative from 1959-1962. In 1962 he began working for the Los Angeles Road Department as a mechanic. Mr. and Mrs. Wurtz moved the family to Pendleton in 1967, where

he worked as a mechanic/service manager and also in sales at Farm Equipment Headquarters for nine years. In 1976 he went to work for Caterpillar. He worked in the sales department there until 1987, and from 1991 until 1996 he was the service manager.



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Mr. Wurtz is survived by his wife, Margaret Wurtz, at the home in Pendleton; children Thomas Wurtz and Donna Scofield, both of Pendleton, and Janice Kilkenny of The Dalles; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Ida Wurtz, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Anthony Hospice 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 online guestbook and send condolences at www.burnsmortuary.com.