



Albert "Al" Briggs

January 12, 1926 - April 5, 2008

Albert "Al" Frank Briggs, 82, longtime Moses Lake resident, former barber and area businessman, passed away Saturday, April 5, 2008 at LakeRidge Special Care Center. Graveside services will be held 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at Pioneer Memorial Gardens with Pastor Floyd Wilks officiating. Family and friends are asked to please meet at the cemetery. Visitation will be held at Kayser's Chapel on Tuesday until 7:00 P.M. and Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel and Crematory, Moses Lake.

Al was born January 12, 1926 in Plains, Kansas, son of the late Molton and Cora Jane (Pierson) Briggs. The family lived in several areas of the country before settling in Emmett, Idaho and later Yakima, Washington. Al enlisted in the U. S. Navy on December 7, 1943, serving in the Pacific Theater of World War II. He was married to Marian L. Grabenstein on December 31, 1945 in Yakima. Following his honorable discharge from the Navy in 1946 he attended Barber College in Yakima. He completed his exams in Spokane and when traveling through Moses Lake discovered a need for another barber in the community. They moved to Moses Lake in 1947 and he opened "Al's Barber Shop" right next to the Turf Café. Over the years he operated his barber shop in a couple of different locations before building a shop across from the current Frontier Middle School. He retired from barbering in the late 1960's. In 1972 he built the Athletic Club on Division Street which he operated for several years. He sold the business in 1976 and through a series of events

took over the business again in 1986 and has leased the business since. Over the years Al enjoyed refurbishing run down houses to resell. He ended up creating his own business card which read "ROMEHO" Retired Old Man Enjoying Helping Others. Another interest was raising a few head of cattle and some farming.

He loved playing handball and riding his bike around town.

He helped build and was active in the Evangelical Methodist Church and in recent years was active with the First Church of the Nazarene. He was also a past member of the Lion's Club.

He is survived by his loving wife, Marian at the family home; daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Ken Stone, Snohomish, WA; son and daughter-in-law, Curtis and Jill Briggs, Kennewick, WA; one brother and two sisters, George Briggs, Yakima, Edith Barnes, Albany, OR, Mildred Golden of Bremerton, WA; four grandchildren, Tami Tregoning, Tony Riley, Alex Briggs and Andrew Briggs; three great grandchildren, Gavin Tregoning, Tony Riley and Elijah Tregoning.

Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Visitation

APR 9. 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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Service

APR 9. 1:00 PM.

Graveside

Tribute Wall



“ Uncle Al's BIG heart will be passed on through a lot of people that he touched through out his life. Even as a kid, I never felt in the way or ignored by Uncle Al. In fact he would encourage your help. Weather it was feeding a calf with a bottle or learning how other things were done on the farm, it was always a fun time at Uncle Al & Aunt Marions. I'm grateful for the family reunions that I was able to attend and wish it could have been more, because time goes so fast. My heart goes out to Aunt Marion, Janet and Curt and all their families.##imported-begin##Barbara (Briggs) Loudon##imported-end##

April 16, 2008 at 02:33 PM



“ Uncle Al will always be remembered with fond memories. He was a great example and I look forward to the day we will all be holding those family reunions in heaven. Much love to you, Aunt Marian, Janet and Curt and your families! I have really been struck over the past years what a wonderful family I have in all my aunts, uncles and cousins in the Briggs family. God Bless Donna##imported-begin##Donna Lindsey##imported-end##

April 15, 2008 at 05:05 PM



“ *Uncle Al was special.
I never saw him mad, grumpy or down.
He was always there to support and encourage. Always upbeat,
always smiling.
There have been few people in my life who I feel understood what
God looks for in his children as Uncle Al did.
Helpful, loving, ,gentle & generous with his time and energies. How
different this world would be if more people followed his
example.##imported-begin##Richard Briggs##imported-end##*

April 14, 2008 at 11:23 PM



“ *To Know Him, To Love Him and To Serve Him. Uncle Al lived this.
Now is with His Creator and Savior. He will be deeply missed by all
who knew Him.
Uncle Al was a loving, caring and helpful person to all, also with a
smile.
When I was a young kid, I always enjoyed going to Al and Marian's,
they where also good to me, as well as Janet and Curt(I'am sure by
their parents example). As I grew older, it was great fun getting
together, as you knew Uncle Al would be right there playing
baseball, volleyball, horse shoes, no matter what, right along with all
of us.
It was a great honor to have Al as my Uncle and to share the same
birthday.
My prayers go out to Aunt Marian, Janet, Curt,in-laws,grandkids and
all other Family members. With All My Love, God Bless You!
Michael J. Briggs##imported-begin##Michael J. Briggs##imported-
end##*

April 11, 2008 at 08:24 PM



“ God Bless Al and show him His mercy. He was my brothr and I loved him dearly and will miss him.##imported-begin##George Briggs##imported-end##

April 10, 2008 at 06:22 PM



“ Marian, our prayers are with you. I thought Al was a real class act. The good old days in M.L. Going to your house when you guys and Mom and Dad playing canasta. I won't forget when you let Mom & Dad move onto your property. S.S. superintendant and youth leader. Such memories! Thank you for being such good friends. Al will truely be missed. May God bless you. Larry & Jeanie##imported-begin##Larry Major##imported-end##

April 10, 2008 at 01:48 AM



“ Al & Marian were some of my late grandparent's best friends and I can think of many times as a kid feeling lucky to be around them. Al taught me about investing money (when I was about 8) by keeping money in a pocket and asking me if I wanted now or after it earned interest. I think I said, "now!" I know my Grandpa will be happy to see Al in heaven and they're probably playing some card games now! My prayers are with you, as a family, as you deal with this loss.##imported-begin##Linda Judd Ranz##imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 11:15 PM



“ Uncle Al...I have many fond memories of you when I was a child at Grandma's house and family reunions... all include laughter. Thank you for the laughter and smiles. Aunt Marian, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love Tracy###imported-begin##Tracy Barnes-Manes###imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 06:50 PM



“ I didn't know him well but he did fill my childhood memories with great happiness. He will always be in my heart where I hold him dear.###imported-begin##Kelly Harris###imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 06:39 PM



“ My prayers are with all of you, and I will always remember the last hug I got from Al.

Love Edith###imported-begin##Edith Barnes###imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 05:00 PM



“ Uncle Al you will be missed, I loved your stories. You always treated me fairly and with love. My deepest sympathies to you Aunt Marion and Janice and Curtis. My heart felt love and deepest regrets to all the family for our loss.###imported-begin##Paul N. Barnes###imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 04:44 PM



“ We are very sad to hear of Al's passing. He was a wonderful man and we are both very glad we had the opportunity to know him. Ray remembers when Al prayed for him. Al left a lasting impression on us. May God bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Ray and Marie Howard##imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 03:09 PM



“ Marian and Family: Al was a good friend of mine besides being the best barber in the Basin. He was cheerful and always willing to do a good deed. I have had a service scheduled for him in my Church. May the angels bring into paradise.##imported-begin##George Massart##imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 02:16 PM



“ MARIAN,
OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. THANKS FOR BEING A BIG
HELP IN OUR YOUNGER DAYS AND FRIENDS OVER THESE
MANY YEARS.

LOVE,

RON##imported-begin## RON JUDD##imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 01:37 PM



“ Janet,
I am so sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Please take care and know that I'm thinking of you.

Kathy Kalamakis##imported-begin##Kathy Kalamakis##imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 12:17 PM



“ *My heart and Prayers are with you.*

*Love & Hugs,
Fran##imported-begin##Fran Hicks##imported-end##*

April 09, 2008 at 12:03 PM



“ *Al was the first barber I remember as a child growing up in Moses Lake getting my hair cuts from him until his retirement. We lost a great barber then but he went on to better things and now as he moves on again to a heavenly place of happiness, Al will be missed by many. He was always an example of cheerful service to the community. My heart felt sympathy & prayers goes to you, his family.##imported-begin##Jess Morris##imported-end##*

April 09, 2008 at 11:06 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I have been doing our Briggs family tree, if your interested, I'll be glad to send you a copy from one family member to another. We were very distant cousins. Barbara###imported-begin##Barbara Briggs Higgins##imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 08:37 AM



“ We will greatly miss you Al. Thank you for your loving, caring spirit and for helping us so very much. Marian and family, we grieve with you at your loss. We are glad to know that we will see Al someday soon.##imported-begin##Terry & Debbie Mullin##imported-end##

April 08, 2008 at 10:26 PM



“ We appreciated Al very much. His was a cheery smile, a keen sense of humor--we remember those stories he'd tell before receiving the offering. He was a man of integrity and kindness. He showed that business card to us and came out and sprayed all our ceilings as this house was being prepared. We will be praying for you, Marian during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Jim and Juanita Mullin##imported-end##

April 07, 2008 at 11:41 PM



“ Al has a special place in our hearts, when we first moved to south of Moses Lake, Al loaned Elvis an old tractor to use and when we were unprepared to have livestock and ended up with a baby calf, Al came by and helped Elvis feed the calf raw eggs--Al was more than a barber, he was a friend--a grand person!

Our thoughts are with you.

Elvis and June Swisher##imported-begin##Elvis & June Swisher##imported-end##

April 07, 2008 at 07:55 PM