



## Donald E. Hite

October 6, 1925 - October 26, 2011

Donald Edward Hite, 86, a long time Grant county resident, passed away at home in Moses Lake on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 with his family at his side. Don, a well known farmer in the Columbia Basin, lived and worked his farm and in the region from 1954 until 2005.

Born in Ontario, Oregon, on October 6, 1925 to John and Mildred Hite, he was raised in Malheur county, Oregon. After graduating Adrian, Oregon High School, he joined the Navy in March 1944 and served in Tinian, Saipan, and Okinawa until he was honorably discharged in June of 1946. After returning home he reunited with Mary Louise Bloom and they were married on September 3, 1946. They lived in Nyssa, Oregon where they farmed and started a family. In 1954 they moved to the Columbia Basin where Don, as a veteran, received a grant of land in Block 42 near Warden. There, he continued to farm and raise his family. In 1966, he received the Washington State Farmer of the Year Award. Don loved to salmon fish and travel the countryside admiring farmland with friends.

He is preceded in death by his son, Russell Edward Hite and his wife, Mary. He is survived by his sister Marjorie Brewer, of Hermiston, his son John and Aleksandra Hite, of Torun, Poland, and his daughter Dona Strickland, of Moses Lake. His grandchildren include Michael and Cathy Strickland of Moses Lake, Nicholas Hite of Rapid City, SD, and Gwen and Solomon Maiangelo-Emich of Pocahontas, AR. His great-grandchildren are Micayla and Marissa Strickland of Moses Lake and Ashley Hamlet of Everett, WA.

A viewing will be held at Kayser's Chapel in Moses Lake on Tuesday, Nov. 1 from noon to 5:00 pm and again Wednesday morning, Nov. 2, from 8 to 9:45 am. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 11:00 am at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Warden where he will be laid to rest next to his wife, Mary. An online guestbook is available at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com) for those who cannot attend services.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 1. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

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

## Visitation

NOV 2. 8:00 AM - 9:45 AM (PT)

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## Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (PT)

Sunset Memorial Gardens  
9934 Road U S.E.  
Warden, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ Prayers and heartfelt sympathy go out to Mr. Hite's family during this sorrowful time.

Audrey (Gardner) Entzel  
Jimmy's little sister##imported-begin##Audrey (Gardner)  
Entzel##imported-end##

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November 06, 2011 at 10:37 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Don. My mother will miss him to. Take care and my family will be praying for all of you at this time.  
Elaine##imported-begin##Elaine Fleshman##imported-end##

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November 03, 2011 at 09:59 AM



“ Mike You had a wonderful grandfather. I think he started your love for speed with those first dirt bikes. I wondered why a fellow his age was buying them. We extend our sympathy to you and your family at this time of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Garf and Maxine Ivory##imported-end##

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November 02, 2011 at 11:24 AM



“ To the Hite family; we are so sorry for your loss.... Your Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, loved all of you so much, and was proud of each and everyone of you!! What a wonderful man he was, and one awesome "farmer"!!!He had such a positive approach to life, and lived life to the fullest. Don had a gentle spirit, and so much strength. We feel privileged, to have known him, during his life here on earth. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Sincerely, Cathy and Paul Kersey###imported-begin##Cathy & Paul Kersey###imported-end##

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October 31, 2011 at 09:26 PM



“ My thoughts are with Don's wonderful family at such a sorrowful time. Don had a full & prosperous life. His words of wisdom during high school & in our twenties will stick with me forever. I admired his work ethics & will never forget him. Lovingly from Judy Welfringer (Dona's friend)###imported-begin##Judy L Bates-Welfringer###imported-end##

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October 31, 2011 at 02:24 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy with you and all of your family.###imported-begin##Craig & Deb Morrison###imported-end##

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October 31, 2011 at 12:35 PM



“ My heart and prayers go out to ya, Donna, this has to be a hard time for you, been thinking of you a lot, love and miss ya, Marcia Goble McKinnon###imported-begin##Marcia McKinnon###imported-end##

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October 30, 2011 at 05:12 PM



“ we are sorry to hear of Don's passing. sending sympathy to his family.##imported-begin##Darwin and Linda Beehner##imported-end##

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October 29, 2011 at 12:35 PM