



## Earle Bennett Essex

March 2, 1942 - May 18, 2022

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Earle passed away on May 18', 2022, at the age of 80 at his home after struggling with a heart condition.

Earle was born on March 2nd, 1942, to Charles and Gertrude Essex on a small farm north of Cozad, Nebraska.

Earle graduated from Cozad High School in 1961. He had various jobs after this including: gas station employee, repairman for washer and dryers, and insurance salesman for Mutual of Omaha.

Earle married his high school sweetheart Judy Mercer in 1963. This resulted in five children: Chris, David, Mark, Cindy, and Jeffrey.

They moved to Moses Lake, WA in 1976 when he got into the cattle business and farming hay. He had a favorite horse Ruby, but she was one of the

many that they broke and sold.

Earle bought an overhead door business (Wesco Overhead Door Co.), which he ran for 42 years.

Earle was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Gertrude, his younger brother Norman, his best friends, Buck Harris and brother-in-law Ron Mercer, his son Jeffrey, daughter Cindy, and grandson Shane Phillips.

He is survived by his wife Judy of 59 years, daughter Chris (Frank), son David (Stephanie), son Mark (Debbie), brother Elden (Kathy), Melvin (Lola Mae),

sisters Evelvn (Dean), Norma (Ray), Barb (David), and his great friend Joseph Gross

as well as 16 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held June 11t at 5 p.m. at the family home at 9981 Rd M.3 NE, Moses Lake.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Michelle McKinlay Smith lit a candle in memory of Earle Bennett Essex*



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**Michelle McKinlay Smith** - June 08, 2022 at 12:33 AM

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“ *Ron And Laurie Coombs lit a candle in memory of Earle Bennett Essex*



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**Ron and Laurie Coombs** - May 29, 2022 at 08:15 PM

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“ *Brianne Hickman lit a candle in memory of Earle Bennett Essex*



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**Brianne Hickman** - May 24, 2022 at 05:33 PM