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Emmett Conrad Soden, 84, left this world on his way to heaven on May 24, 2021 while tending to his garden. Emmett was born in Richland, Oregon on October 19, 1936 to Marion Vaughn and Louise Margaret (Steelman) Soden. A few years later, Emmett was joined by his sister, Marie. The family also lived in Baker, Oregon prior to moving to Moses Lake when they heard of the opportunities of irrigation coming to the Columbia Basin.

While in high school Emmett was a standout on the defensive line on the Moses Lake Football team, placed 2nd in State Heavy Weight Wrestling, had many grand champion lambs, on the livestock judging team and worked on the farm with his father and Granddad. Emmett graduated from Moses Lake High School in 1955.

Emmett attended WA State College (now WSU), but was called home after one quarter due to his father having a heart attack.

Emmett met, Peggy Walker on the school bus. Emmett knew Peggy was the one, so they married on April 23, 1960 in Moses Lake. Emmett and Peggy welcomed 3 daughters, Debra, Tammy and Teresa over the next 4 years. They raised their family in Mae Valley and Stratford areas.

Emmett saw the best in everyone, taking many children under his wing, teaching them life skills, how to fish, hunt, help others and not ask for anything in return.

He rarely visited people without bringing something to share. He always planted a large garden and would deliver crops to family, friends, those less fortunate or homebound.

Emmett was an avid hunter, fisherman, gardener, welder, pipe layer, concrete layer, meat cutter, or just working in his shop. He loved the farm and ranch life, attending his last gather of cows and calves on May 14, 2021 while riding his Kawasaki Mule.

His greatest love was his family. Emmett loved selflessly and greatly. It's impossible to describe the positive impact he had on so many lives.

Emmett is survived by his loving wife, Peggy, of 61 years, his 3 daughters and husbands, Debra (Joe) DeAguiar of George, Tammy Walters of Ephrata, and Teresa (Wade) King of Coulee City, honorary son, Darrell Schadler of Moses Lake. Stepsister, Susan Taxter of Spokane Valley, stepbrother, Ron (Roni) Schuh of Kettle Falls, sister-in-law, Dorothy Walker of Ephrata, brother-in-law Keith (Rhonda) Walker, sister-in-law Vicky Walker all of Moses Lake.

Grandchildren, Samantha Walters, Logan Silva, Ashley Silva, Tyerell (Brianna) Silva, Vaughn Walters, Jennifer (Bob) Schneider, Sarah King, Kaitlin (Tanner) Hernandez and many great-grandchildren, and children he took under his wing.

Preceded in death by his parents, sister Marie and step-father, Lawrence Schuh, mother-in-law Marie Halverson and father-in-law Raymond (Alice) Walker.

There will be a celebration of life at the family home at noon on Saturday, June 5, 2021. Please bring a lawn chair.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Emmett to the Heart Association, MS Society or by becoming an NRA member.

Tribute Wall

LG

“ *Debbie and family . I am truly sorry for your loss... May he Rest In Peace.*

leticia gomez - June 05, 2021 at 12:18 AM

KN

“ *Peggy, So sorry to get the news of Emmett passing. Our thoughts are with you.
We will not be able to make it over for his services. Both Linda and I are not able to drive that far anymore. Know that we will be thinking of you.
Your elderly cousin.
Ken (Cork) & Linda Nungesser*

Kenneth D Nungesser - June 04, 2021 at 02:47 PM

EL

“ *Peggy my condolence & prayers are with you and the family during this difficult time. It has been a honor to have known his generosity in sharing his garden with us here at the bank. I will always remember his huge smile! Rest in Peace Emmett!*



Estela Lopez - June 04, 2021 at 01:59 PM



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Teresa King - May 30, 2021 at 10:21 AM

RH

“ Emmett was wonderfully kind and generous to us. I remember him showing me his amazing garden, sharing its produce with us, teaching me about the irrigation system and inviting me into his home for lunch. He had the gift of hospitality. I still tell stories of his immense physical strength---he was a man with many gifts and talents that he used to help others. Our deepest sympathy to Teresa and Wade, Peggy and the entire family.
Rick and Patty Honsowetz

Rick and Patty Honsowetz - May 27, 2021 at 12:52 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Soden family, I've known Emmett for many years and remember his late sister Marie.



Pat Ledbetter
Moses Lake, Wa.

Patricia (Gerber)Ledbetter - May 26, 2021 at 11:48 PM

JO

“ I am so sad to hear that my friend passed away. Emmett has always been one of my very favorite people. His big heart, his thick hands, and his crunched up hat.... He would come visit me often at the credit union. We talked about gardens and his beautiful bride Peggy. I am going to miss his hugs. Rona be damned, he wanted a hug and I was happy to oblige. He always reassured me he was doing alright and he was getting better and I would let him know that every Sunday I was lighting a candle for him and keeping him in my prayers. Peggy I am so sorry for your loss. I loved Emmett so much.



Joey - May 26, 2021 at 11:09 PM

LW

I have such fond memories of Emmett sharing his garden! He was so generous. He loved his children and wife and was good to everyone. He will truly be missed!

Lucinda West - May 30, 2021 at 08:49 PM

AG

“ I am so sorry about the loss of Emmett. I have so enjoyed my time with Peggy and Emmett this last year and all the many talks I had with Emmett. He was a great man with such a huge heart.
Miss you!



Amy Gertsch - May 26, 2021 at 10:17 PM

DL

“ Emmett was a very good man. He enjoyed his fishing almost as much as my dad did. I always enjoyed visiting with him at garage sales. Our deepest sympathies to Peggy, Darrell and the rest of the family. Rest easy big guy. David and Joan Lobie

David & Joan Lobie - May 26, 2021 at 07:27 PM

DL

“ David & Joan Lobie lit a candle in memory of Emmett Conrad Soden



David & Joan Lobie - May 26, 2021 at 05:57 PM