



Gordon M. Ebbert

July 23, 1913 - October 20, 2014

Gordon Mason Ebbert, 101, a resident of Moses Lake since 1945, passed away on October 20, 2014, at Samaritan Hospital.

Gordon was born July 23, 1913, in Monmouth, Oregon, to Elbie Ebbert and Ruth Mason Ebbert. Gordon married his high school sweetheart Juanita Nelson in 1935.

After attending Monmouth High School, Gordon attended and graduated with a teaching degree from Oregon College of Education (Western Oregon University). He then took two years of Aeronautical Engineering at Oregon State College (Oregon State University). Gordon began a long time flying career when he soloed in 1933 in a Frank Taylor Cub at Eyerly Flying Field in Salem, Oregon.

Gordon was teaching at Valsetz Oregon when he was called to Keyport, Washington, in 1941 to fly coastal patrol missions between Washington and Oregon. Upon the ending of World War II, Gordon and Juanita relocated to Moses Lake in November 1946. At that time, Gordon was instrumental in helping form the first Civil Air Patrol in Moses Lake. He was a mission check pilot for the Civil Air Patrol for 35 years and conducted numerous search and rescue missions throughout the Pacific Northwest. In 1961, he was given a permanent reserve assignment with the Civil Air Patrol and he achieved the rank of Lt Colonel. In 2007 Gordon was promoted to Colonel.

Gordon was an active member of the Washington Flying Farmers and in June 1994 was awarded the Flying Farmer of the Year award. He joined the Flying

Farmers in 1946 attending the charter meeting in Spokane.

Gordon was actively involved in the formation of the flight program at Big Bend Community College. He served for many years on the Aviation Advisory Board at Big Bend Community College. He was a member of the United Flying Octogenarians "UFO", at the time there were only 149 members in the United States. In 1987, he was appointed by the Governor of the State of Washington to the Washington State Airport and Development Board. In 1994, Gordon was selected as the Aviator of the Year by the Washington State Department of Aeronautics.

Gordon served on the Moses Lake City Council from 1961 to 1975 including two years as Mayor of Moses Lake, 1974 and 1975. He was a member of the Moses Lake Kiwanis Club. Gordon started the first motorcycle club in Moses Lake and served as the club's president. He owned and operated Ebbert's Machine Shop until his retirement.

Other awards received by Gordon were the Certificate of Achievement for 60 years of membership with the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. The Wright Brothers Masters Pilot Award and Pilot Proficiency Wings Program. The Phase XI Award from the Federal Aviation Administration honoring 70 years of service. The Civil Air Patrol Distinguished Service Award recognizing his service from 1942 to 2007. In 1994 the Port of Moses Lake Commissioners honored Gordon with a plaque recognizing his years of dedicated service to aviation at Grant County Airport and the State of Washington.

Gordon was preceded in death by his wife, Juanita and his son Gordon Jr. He is survived by nieces and nephews. A celebration of Gordon's life will be held Monday, November 3, at 10:00 AM at Kayser's Chapel & Crematory. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 3. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall

WJ

“ I've known Gordon the majority of my life (I'm 70); He and my Dad were in the motorcycle club and CAP and Jaunita was my 4th grade teacher. A good deal of my youth was spent in Ebberts Machine Shop, a wealth of information was given by Gordon that has helped me all through the years. Was I the only one privy to all the different sounds that came from Gordon's mouth, as well as his humorous side?? I doubt it! Gordon was a teacher of many things, always a gentleman, a fun hunting companion, most of all, a friend. He has earned his wings many times, now he has earned the "Ultimate Set of Wings". Fly Gordon, Fly..... Walt Kursave Jr.

Walt Kursave Jr. - October 31, 2014 at 01:06 PM

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“ I am a member of the Pilots Assoc. at the ML City Airport. I sat with Gordie at many Christmas Parties and heard some of his experiences in life at piloting and crashing. Gordie was active in the community his entire life; giving his time and serving on numerous boards. We will miss you Gordie but not forget you. RIP. Your everlasting friends Bill & Sue Riley

Bill & Sue Riley - October 22, 2014 at 07:14 PM

JG

Whenever I would see you it was always a joy, then I would ask about your nephew who went through the flight program when I worked there. You will be missed. See you some day Gordon. J.Griffith

Jane Griffith - November 02, 2014 at 06:57 PM