



Helmut H Hintz

June 27, 1933 - February 24, 2018

Helmut Henry Hintz, 84, of Ephrata, Washington quietly and strongly finished the race on February 24, 2018 while listening to Bible verses.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Myrtle, and his cherished children Vonda (Randy) Mulrony of Pomery, WA, Phillip (Shannon) Hintz of Moses Lake, WA, Darwin (Gena) Hintz of Adrian, WA, Gilbert (Kirsten) Hintz of Ephrata, WA, Sharlyn (Hide) Maeda of San Jose, CA; stepchildren Angie (Jon) Webber of Colfax, WA, Scott (Brooke) Isaak of Chelan, WA, Cindy (David) Fujiwara of Kaneohe Bay, HI, Steven (Janna) Isaak of Mobile, AL; sisters-in-law Sandy Hintz, Shirley Hintz Rhodes, and Patricia Hintz; 33 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his first wife Leona Hintz, brothers Hillmer Hintz, Rudolf Hintz, Gilbert Hintz, and Donald Hintz, and sisters Viola Ditty, and Alma Franz.

Helmut will be remembered for his unwavering faith in God, humility, and courage, and his genuine interest in the people and world around him. His faith was demonstrated more by his endless acts of kindness than by his words and he did not know a stranger. Most of all, he will be remembered for his great love and support of his family and extended family.

Helmut was born on June 27, 1933 in Zap, North Dakota, population 406. His parents were Henry and Emma Hintz, whose families had settled in the North Dakota area after immigrating to the U.S. from Russia. His parents called him "Helmut", a name that is not only a reflection of his strong German heritage, but also of the person he would become. In German, Helmut means

“courageous.”

Helmut’s family moved to Nyssa, OR when he was 3 years old to pursue farming opportunities. He enjoyed country life and learning everything from playing the saxophone to caring for all kinds of animals, especially horses. Helmut developed his lifelong “never quit” work ethic from a young age when he necessarily took on a leadership role in the family farm operation. As a teenager, he carried the responsibilities of a breadwinning adult, but was able to make time to enjoy his school’s FFA program, and graduated from Nyssa High School in 1951.

After graduation, Helmut moved to Eastern Washington with his family, who were attracted by the Columbia Basin Project. Helmut and his brothers were pioneers in the Basin, pouring themselves into breaking out the sagebrush and working round-the-clock to harvest their first crop of beans.

He married the loving mother of his children, Leona Williams, in Red Bluff, CA, who blessed him with a girl and three boys in five years, followed by another girl in 1969. Their first humble home was established on Unit 81, Block 89 south of Ephrata.

In the 70’s, Helmut added on to his home and land, continuously innovating and perfecting farming techniques to grow multiple crops on 1,000 acres. He especially enjoyed growing sugar beets, and developed his business to become a primary producer in the county.

Helmut was committed to his faith community and served on the Bethlehem Chapel Assembly of God board and building committees. He was a fully vested member, who like in other areas of his life, meticulously planned for the purchase of the right land for a new church building, and saw it through to completion.

Helmut was a devoted husband to Leona until her passing in 1986. He was later blessed with a new love in Myrtle Isaak, whom he married in 1990. With their union, his family extended to include two more sons and two more daughters, along with his many cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren to follow.

Helmut was an enthusiastic traveler and documentary photographer. He enjoyed trips visiting family, sometimes flying his Cessna to get there, and exploring landmarks around the U.S., as well as in Japan and Hong Kong. He took painstaking care and time to capture a picture. While at the Grand Canyon, he unknowingly, but confidently instructed a professional National Geographic photographer on how to get the perfect shot.

Helmut persevered through the physical health challenges of his last years with characteristic faith, strength, and courage. Through it all, his favorite phrase was "Happy Day." He cared about, befriended and mentored people, steadfastly modeling the right thing to do, in the right way, and for the right reason. He will be deeply missed, but his legacy will live on through the lives of those he touched.

Viewing will be held from 3-7 pm on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at Kayser's Chapel of Memories. Interment will be at 10:30 am on Friday, March 2 at Pioneer Memorial Gardens in Moses Lake followed by a memorial service at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 2, 2018 at Bethlehem Chapel Assembly of God in Ephrata, WA. A dinner will follow the memorial service at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made in Helmut's name to the Bethlehem Chapel Assembly of God "Sanctuary Fund."

Cemetery Details

Pioneer Memorial Gardens

14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Service

MAR 2. 10:30 AM (PT)

Pioneer Memorial Gardens
14403 Rd. 2 Ne
Moses Lake, WA

Service

MAR 2. 1:00 PM (PT)

Bethlehem Chapel Assembly of God
612 3rd Ave S.E.
Ephrata, WA 98823

Tribute Wall

JF

“ I'm so thankful to have known Uncle Helmut. Ever since first meeting him in 1969 He seemed like a really nice, loving and kind man. I always enjoyed family get to gathers and being able to visit with him. His steadfast commitment to the Lord is such a wonderful testimony to me and to so many others. His acts of kindness like visiting my mom (Alma Franz) weekly when she had dementia, helping out with funeral cost for my sister Rhonda, Driving all the way to Seattle to visit his granddaughter in the hospital just to mention a few things. I just want to say to all the family, your husband, your father, your grandpa left you a wonderful example to follow. I know he has great rewards in heaven for being faithful to the Lord. Love you all; Jim Franz

Jim Franz - March 05, 2018 at 08:30 PM

 Lana Waters

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Hintz's passing. He was a neighbor that could always be counted on for a smile or a kind word... or maybe even to dish out a little bit of teasing!

I feel blessed and privileged to have been part of our wonderful farm community those many years ago and the Hintz family was always such a big part of that community. From 4H to stage band, you were all a big part of our community in so many ways and your dad (and mom) were always there cheering you... and all of us by extension... on, every step of the way. Mr. Hintz was a kind and hard working man, a good farmer and good neighbor. He will be missed. My sincere condolences to the Hintz family.

Lana Reid Waters

Lana Waters - March 02, 2018 at 05:45 PM

JW

“ *Jim and Dorothy Weitzel offer our condolence on the loss of a good man and faithful friend. We moved from our farm in George to Block 71 in 1976 and met their family. I enjoyed visits to his home and and Leona and the family. A good German family; Church, Kitchen and family. Helmut was a good farmer and a good friend. He and his family were talented helpers in my campaign for Commissioner.. We shared the same values.*

I had the pleasure, as a member of the Basinares (Barbershop SPEBSQSA) singers) of singing for Helmut and Myrtle at their wedding. We saw him last at the Ephrata facility. Our country will be better off if all families would believe and live good lives such as they did, Auf Wiedersain, Helmut!

Jim Weitzel

Jim Weitzel - March 01, 2018 at 06:43 PM

BD

“ *A man among men!*

Bill Dress - February 28, 2018 at 07:14 PM

AD

“ 9 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Angie Hintz Dobbins - February 28, 2018 at 04:44 PM

JL

“ *Will never forget his smile. He was always a smiler and will be dearly missed. Thank you Helmut for giving me the privilege to be in your life.*



Julie LeBarron - February 26, 2018 at 06:33 PM