



Ivan Cole

August 10, 1916 - May 5, 2009

Ivan Earl Cole, 92, lifelong resident passed away May 5, 2009 at Columbia Crest Care and Rehabilitation Center in Moses Lake.

Ivan was born to Earl and Bertha Cole on August 10, 1916 at the family homestead north of Wheeler. Ivan was the oldest of four children. In the early 1920's the family moved to Mae Valley where Ivan grew up. He attended Neppel Schools, graduating in 1935. In 1936 Ivan moved back to the original homestead and began farming. In 1937 he met his lifelong mate, Ruth Olson. They were married April 4, 1940. Together they raised four children, Douglas, Cheryl, Carol and Jeff.

The father E. B (Earl) Cole formed a father and sons cattle operation called the E. B (Earl) Cole and Sons Cattle Company, with his sons Ivan and Verlyn Cole. In the year 1969 Ivan sold his interest in the cattle operation back to his dad and brother and formed a farming operation with his son Doug, still known today as Cole Farms, Inc.

In 1944 Ivan, as one of the founding members, helped charter the Columbia Basin Rodeo Association. During the years he held many offices as well as a position on the board of directors. In the beginning the rodeo owned their own stock.

In the early 1980's Ivan became involved with the Basin Horseless Carriage Club. His greatest pride was his restored 1951 Hudson Hornet. He received many trophies in various car shows.

Ivan was preceded in death by his parents; wife Ruth in 1994, son Dennis

“Bunky” 1948 and daughter Carol, 2006. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Verlyn Cole; a sister, Fern Morton and a sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis & John Libby.

Surviving family members are Douglas, Moses Lake, Cheryl (Dave) Fairbanks, Wenatchee and Jeff of Moses Lake. Grandchildren Marnie (Mike) Boyer, Mike (Tiffany) Cole, Christopher and Cody Cole all of Moses Lake and Chuck Cole of Warden. Justin (Indu) Fairbanks, Henderson, NV, Jennifer Fairbanks, Wenatchee and Danny (Nicole) Fairbanks, Wenatchee. Great-grandchildren, Chelsea and Benjamin Steele, Kyle, Wyatt and Cheyanne Cole and Jacksyn Hayes; his sister-in-law, Bonnie Cole of Moses Lake and brother-in-law, Don Morton of Northridge, California. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2009 at the Moses Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1601 West Valley Road.

Interment will follow in Pioneer Memorial Gardens, Moses Lake.

Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory. Viewing will take place at the funeral home on Friday, May 8, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 9th from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The wonderful memories we have of you will live on with all of us.

If desired donations may be made to the Moses Lake Roundup Association, Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 367, Moses Lake, WA 98837.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (PT)

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

Visitation

MAY 9. 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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

Service

MAY 16. 2:00 PM (PT)

Seventh-Day Adventist Church
1601 W. Valley Rd.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry for your loss and I know that Ivan would have wanted his life to be celebrated along with all the good memories remembered. I remember the good times and laughs we had together, he was a good man. Jeff I am sorry that I didn't hear about it sooner I would have come home to celebrate his life. My prayers are with you and the rest of the family. Blessings, Light and Love, Tenna##imported-begin##Tenna R. Rothenbuhler(Entzel)##imported-end##

May 17, 2009 at 04:47 AM



“ You will always be in our memories and thoughts.##imported-begin##Ron and Kathy Graff##imported-end##

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“ I never knew Ivan personally, but my husband (Ralph Enzler) did. When my family(Edward Ehlert) moved here in 1949, I remember my uncles, Guy Giersdorf and Dale Caldwell, and my cousins Alvin & Ole Caldwell, mentioning Ivan as they were all involved with the Columbia Basin Rodeo Assn. A dependable leader. I also recall his love and loyal dedication to his wife all the years she was in the nursing home. I visited family there often and witnessed a caring husband.##imported-begin##Jeanette Ehlert Enzler##imported-end##

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“ We grieve with you today in celebrating Uncle Ivan's life. It was always a great time visiting Moses Lake growing up. Your Dad was such a fun uncle with his distinctive laugh! Loved all his stories and opinions while sitting on his 4-wheeler[his favorite machine, I think!] He always was a confident but gentle uncle who knew where He was going and how to get there. He will be sorely missed! Love you all, Steve##imported-begin##Steve and Chris Libby##imported-end##

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“ oh my gawrsh Cheryl - I loved your dad so much. Now he is with Carol my deepest sorrow for you and your family

Sandy##imported-begin##Sandy Hartman##imported-end##

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“ Great neighbor and friend of my family, the Ruff's. He was a giving husband, father, and grandfather. He will be missed by alot of friends and family.

Gene & Bonnie##imported-begin##Gene & Bonnie Polhamus##imported-end##

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