



Jerry Heilig

February 1, 2024

Jerry Heilig, 81, a resident of Moses Lake since November of 1952 passed away at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee, WA on Thursday, February 1, 2024. He was born the youngest of two children to Herschel and Marguerite Heilig in Heyburn, ID in 1942. At the age of 10, Jerry's family moved to Moses Lake, WA. His family was among the first pioneers to come to the Columbia Basin to develop land in the irrigation project. He graduated from Moses Lake High School in 1960.

He was a 2nd generation potato farmer on his family farm that was established in 1952. Jerry was one of the original founders of the Potato Growers of WA, also chairman and member of the US Potato Board; where he was known for his outstanding negotiation skills. He worked side by side with his father and passed that same passion of farming on to his son.

Jerry was husband, dad, grandfather, brother, son, friend, golfer, referee, coach, and mentor. He began coaching little league baseball when his sons played and he dedicated over a decade to coaching. Jerry was very active in officiating high school football & basketball, as well as college basketball and in the Big Sky Conference. He also loved traveling every chance he could.

One never had to guess about Jerry's opinion on any subject. Whether it was about agriculture, politics, or sports, there was never any doubt about where

he stood. Jerry was a great man of honesty & integrity.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herschel and Marguerite Heilig and grandson Kreig Heilig.

He is survived by his wife, Marian Heilig, his children Kory Heilig (Cindy), Kerry Heilig, Kris Heilig-Ralph, and step daughter Rhonda Alvarado (Dee Ray), 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. He was also survived by his sister Joyce Smith.

A funeral service will be held at the Moses Lake Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. Later that afternoon there will be a Celebration of Life at 2:00 p.m. at the Moses Lake Country Club.

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.
Moses Lake, WA 98837
(509) 765-7848

Previous Events

Service

FEB 10. 11:00 AM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church
1142 W. Ivy
Moses Lake, WA

Celebration of Life

FEB 10. 2:00 PM (PT)

Moses Lake Country Club
1373 Road F.2 NE
Moses Lake, WA 98837

Tribute Wall

KW

“ Katherine Waters lit a candle in memory of Jerry Heilig



Katherine Dale Waters - February 14, 2024 at 12:10 AM

PB

“ Very sorry and surprised to hear of Jerry's passing. I always enjoyed talking with him about sports and politics, etc.

Patrick Boss - February 10, 2024 at 01:51 PM

BH

“ I remember Jerry refereeing my high school basketball games. I always talked with the refs during the game. Jerry was always a good, fair ref.
I've then had the privilege of working in the potato industry with Jerry since 1999. Jerry was very approachable, and I appreciated his support through the years. Jerry was wise and seemed to know what was going on in the industry.
And Jerry's appearance was a lot like my dads--I swear Jerry looked the same in the early 1990's as he did this year!
My prayers go out to Marian and the family.
-Bryan Henninger

Bryan Henninger - February 09, 2024 at 08:26 PM

JF

“ *Marian, Kris, Kory, Kerry & family; we’ve just heard about Jerry & are at a loss for words. So glad we were able to visit with him in December. Our countless memories, laughs and great conversations will be with us fondly forever. Jim’s oldest and dearest friend was dear to us both & over the years he loved me as a friend. Our hearts are broken & hold each of you in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Love to you all, Jim & Barbara*



Jim & Barbara Fischer - February 09, 2024 at 01:33 PM

JT

“ *I have known Jerry since 1968. Over the years we developed a close relationship. We officiated high school and college basketball together and for many years I coached his boys in baseball. I found Jerry to be extremely loyal with a high level of integrity. A lot of wonderful memories. You will be missed by many. My prayers are with the family. RIP my friend! Jerry Thaut*

jerry thaut - February 09, 2024 at 12:37 PM

TB

“ *I’m happy to have known Jerry since back in the 70’s. He was totally dedicated to his passion for officiating. Sorry for your great loss, Kerry, Kory and Kris.*



Todd Bohne - February 07, 2024 at 08:58 PM

BB

“ I was fortunate to know Jerry in 10th and 11th grades playing basketball. Real nice guy. I last saw him at our 40th class reunion in 2000. His family must be proud of him and I wish the family peace in this hard time.

Bob Bunday - February 07, 2024 at 03:45 PM

BS

“ Jerry was great official, mentor, and friend. Most of all he was an outstanding person. My prayers and best wishes to the Heilig family.
Bruce Shields

Bruce Shields - February 07, 2024 at 12:43 PM

JC

“ It was an honor and privilege to work with Jerry as a basketball referee for many years. I always looked forward to being part of Jerry's crew. What a great official and fine gentleman. My condolences and best wishes to Marian, Kerry, and his family.

Jack Clerf

Jack Clerf - February 07, 2024 at 10:45 AM