



John Arthur Callahan, Sr.

January 26, 1927 - August 15, 2009

John Arthur Callahan, 82, longtime Moses Lake resident, died Saturday, August 15, 2009 Lakeridge Special Care of natural causes.

He was born January 27, 1927 in Loa, Utah to Joseph Irvin and Jesse Myrtle Johnson Callahan. He married Elizabeth Anne Zahm on February 13th, 1953, later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. He has eight children.

He served in the U.S. Army Air force from 1945 to 1947. He served at Geiger Air force base, Gallina Air Station and Wheeler Air Force Base (Pearl Harbor) and other locations. He received a World War II Victory Medal & an Army of Occupation Medal-Japan.

Art came to the Columbia Basin in 1952 from Nyssa Oregon for an adventure in the new water reclamation project that was opening up and remained here until his death. He farmed several blocks north and south of Moses Lake.

Art, as he was known most of his life, was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He held various callings in the church and loved being a home teacher. He served a two year mission in the Western States Mission and loved being a Temple worker in the Seattle Temple.

Art is survived by his wife Betty of 56 years, six sons and two daughters; John (Wendy) of Montana, Bill (Debbie) of Moses Lake, Gary, Moses Lake, Tim (Karen) Texas, Betty (Bill) Matthews, Moses Lake, Matthew (Denise) Richland, Jane (Keith) Reed, Burbank, Patrick (Samantha) Michigan. He has nineteen grandchildren, fourteen and a half great grandchildren and numerous niece and nephews. Three sisters Dawna Herrud, Royal City, Faye Fryer,

Corvallis, Oregon, and Loya Fryer of Eugene Oregon. He was preceded in death by his father, mother and nine brothers, and one sister.

His greatest joy in life was grandkids and family. He loved gardening and growing roses. He loved farming and seeing the crops grow and the harvest that came in the fall.

Family and friends are invited to a viewing Wednesday, Aug. 19 from 5 to 7p.m. at Kayser's Chapel of Memories. Funeral Services will be Thursday, August 20th at 10:00 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Nelson Road Chapel. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake. You may sign the guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Visitation

AUG 20. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Nelson Road Chapel
1849 E. Nelson Rd.
Moses Lake, WA

Service

AUG 20. 10:00 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Nelson Road Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ Grandpa, you were always a great Grandpa to me. Just wanted to say Thank you

Jessica Jean Callahan - March 15 at 06:27 PM



“ Doggone it.. i have lost three Moses Lake friends in one week!!! The Fourth Ward without the John Callanhan Clan would not have been nearly as rich an experience to all of us. His friendly banter and great sense of humour and big Christian hug were a welcome weekly boost to me as a kid. Thanks to all of you Callahans. You had a great example in your Dad, husband, brother, uncle and friend. i love and miss you!

David Miles Oman, , 801-347-9833###imported-begin###David Miles Oman###imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Uncle Art's passing. I wanted so badly to come but wasn't able to make arrangements. Uncle Art and Aunt Betty were always special to me. I loved his Donald Duck imitation and will always remember when Susan and I got to visit as little girls and we stopped on the way to Washington and made a snowman on the hood of the car. We got to sleep in our first bunkbeds and didn't want to go home. I loved his hugs and he was a very fun Uncle. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Love, Steve and Patty Cluff

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“ *Betty and family,
Our hearts and prayers reach out to you in your time of loss. Please know that as we love you, Father in Heaven loves you even more. He has welcomed Art with open arms and extended to him great joy.
Father will help you find comfort and peace -- in each other, in fond memories of your beloved husband, father, and grandfather, and in His sealing promise.
Love,
Larry and Betty Jo Miller
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