



## Kenneth Heimbigner

February 13, 1925 - May 9, 2017

Kenneth Heimbigner, a long time resident of Moses Lake, passed away May 9th at age 92 years old. Ken and his wife Allison enjoyed over 70 years of marriage together, having married on September 8th of 1946 in Ritzville, WA.

Ken was born on the family homestead a few miles outside of Ritzville and grew up on the wheat farm along with his siblings Hershel, Betty, Barbara and Fritz. He enjoyed life on the farm, especially taking care of the livestock. A 1943 graduate of Ritzville High School, Ken was a natural leader, serving as Student Body President, as well as a standout athlete in both football and baseball. As a young man, Ken enjoyed working as a roofer, a carpenter, as well as the head herdsman on the Rutter's Black Angus ranch in Ellensburg. Eventually, he found his way to a long career in the retail furniture business. Along with his wife Allison, he owned Moses Lake Furniture and Ritzville Furniture. He served as President of the Pacific Northwest Retailers Association, and was the recipient of the John Q. Kelly award as the outstanding furniture retailer in the Pacific Northwest region.

Ken's community service, while residing in Ritzville, Ephrata, and Moses Lake, included FFA, Jaycees, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, and the Kiwanis Club where he served as President of the club. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Moses Lake for over 50 years. Friends of Ken will remember him as a master woodworker, an avid hiker in the Cascade

Mountains and a patient fisherman throughout the Columbia Basin.

Ken is survived by his wife Allison, of Moses Lake, and their children, Sandra & Deni Atkinson of Ritzville, WA, Brian & Linda Heimbigner of Cumming, GA, and Douglas Heimbigner & Hally Birnbaum of New York. Other survivors include Ken's younger sister Barbara Niendam of Spokane, WA, as well as Ken & Allison's grandchildren Eric & Tana Atkinson of Spokane, WA, Ryan Atkinson & Alison Forsythe of Yakota Air Force Base, Japan, Kristi & Greg Kruepke of Waukesha, WI, Kali & Tom Andrus of Issaquah, WA and great-grandchildren Lauren, Tyler, Trevor, Kyle, Cameron, Nathan and Harper.

The Heimbigner family wishes to thank all of the healthcare providers and staff who cared for Ken at Brookdale-Hearthstone, Columbia Crest Care Center and Samaritan Healthcare. Their never-ending warmth, smiles and laughter were greatly appreciated.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the United Methodist Church, 746 Ironwood Drive, Moses Lake, Washington. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com) Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, donations to support the Future Farmers of America at Ritzville can be sent to:

LRS FFA Alumni  
1739 E. Roloff Road  
Ritzville WA 99169

FFA information: [awilliams@lrschools.org](mailto:awilliams@lrschools.org)

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY **20**. 1:00 PM (PT)

United Methodist Church  
746 S. Ironwood Dr.  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

PL

“ We were saddened to hear of Ken's passing. He and Allison had been our neighbors at Rainbow Beach Resort for many years. We always enjoyed chatting with them. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Allison and the family. Patti & Mike Lynch



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**Patti Lynch** - May 25, 2017 at 10:24 AM

MM

“ Marv Maslen lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Heimbigner



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**Marv Maslen** - May 12, 2017 at 10:04 PM

MM

“ Allison and family: We were so very sorry to learn of Ken's passing. I still have many good memories of working in the furniture store so many years ago. Please know we share your grief and that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Marv, Mary, and Marcy Maslen*

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**Marv Maslen** - May 12, 2017 at 10:03 PM

MC

“ SENDING OUR DEEP FELT CONDUENCES TO ALL OF KENNTH FAMILY . SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS . PRAYING FOR FAMILY .

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**Mary Lou Cedillo** - May 12, 2017 at 09:48 PM

LL

“ *Loretta Hult Legault lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Heimbigner*



**Loretta Hult Legault** - May 11, 2017 at 09:23 PM

WS

“ *Wendy S. lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Heimbigner*



**Wendy S.** - May 10, 2017 at 09:00 PM

LL

*Have great memories growing up next door to this wonderful family. Ken will be miss by so many. My prayers are with you.*

**Loretta Hult Legault** - May 11, 2017 at 09:25 PM

BT

*My condolences to Mrs. Heimbigner and family. I worked for Mr. and Mrs. Heimbigner at Moses Lake Furniture from 1978 to 1984. He was always very patient in showing me how to do things at the store. I was impressed how he treated customers and employees. I have taken those lessons with me through my career. He will be missed.*

*Barney Treacy*

**Barney Treacy** - May 14, 2017 at 08:27 PM

JG

*Sending you my condolences Allison, He will be missed and we loved him alot. Brookdale Hearthstone- Janet Gonzales*

**Janet Gonzales** - May 20, 2017 at 07:48 PM



*Sending sincere condolences to Doug Heimbigner and family...  
We are so sorry for your loss, Doug...  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you...*

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**Gregory Cochran & Family** - May 21, 2017 at 09:33 PM



*Always such a gentleman. My heart goes out to the family.*

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**Terry Trask Skeesick** - May 23, 2017 at 10:31 PM