



Leo Heilman

March 29, 1933 - January 8, 2011

Leo Anton Heilman, 77, Moses Lake, former longtime Ephrata resident passed away surrounded by family on January 8, 2011 at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 A.M., Friday, Jan. 14, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Ephrata, with burial at Guarding Angels Cemetery , 2595 Road L N.E. in Moses Lake. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake. Please sign the book or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com

Leo was born in Bowdle, South Dakota on March 20, 1933. He attended school in Hoven, SD and joined the Navy in 1956. After his honorable discharge, Leo moved to Seattle, WA where he went to work at Boeing. While working at Boeing, Leo attended barber school. After graduating from barber school Leo opened a five chair barber shop in Marysville, WA. At this time he also worked on his small family farm. In 1973 Leo moved to the Columbia Basin where he farmed on Road 7 in Ephrata. After retiring from farming he moved to Moses Lake where he resided until his death.

Leo was an advocate for the Junior Rodeo Program, as well as the FFA and 4H programs. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting and fulfilled a lifetime dream in the summer of 2009 traveling through Alaska.

Leo is survived by his wife Karen Heilman. His children Alan Heilman (Donna), Sue Brown (Steve), Sandy Heilman (Cheryl) and Mark Heilman.

His grand children T. J. Vollema, Skye Heilman, Bradley Heilman, Theresa Johnson (Chris).

Step children Sue Yurashak (Mark), Steve Hitzroth (Bonnie), Kelly Pugh (Steve), Debbie Hitzroth, Mark Hitzroth (Dawn) and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Siblings Paul Heilman, John Heilman (Sally), Irene Imbery (George), Betty Imbery (Mel), George Heilman (Gerry), and Bernie Johnson (Jerry) and numerous nieces and nephews. Also his toy poodle Daisy.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents Bernard Heilman and Elizabeth Heilman.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 14. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church (Mass)
560 Southeast Blvd.
Ephrata, WA

Tribute Wall



“ I pray you all feel God's love as you go through this difficult time. Uncle Leo will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. He was a great person and fun to be around. Our prayers are with you all. Carol Halvorson (daughter of George & Irene Imbery).##imported-begin##Carol Halvorson##imported-end##

January 16, 2011 at 10:16 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your dad. He was always smiling as we wildly ran our horses up and down your driveway and all around your property!

I know how hard it is to lose a parent. My sympathy and prayers go out to you.

Lana##imported-begin##Lana Reid Waters##imported-end##

January 15, 2011 at 06:08 AM



“ We are very sorry for your loss. Although we were not able to be with you at this time you have all remained in our thought and prayers.##imported-begin##Becky & Dennis Hinz & family (Irene & George daughter)##imported-end##

January 14, 2011 at 08:16 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your loss. We hadn't seen Leo for several years but assumed that he was in arizona this winter and doing fine. We are in Az. and will not be able to attend the funeral but we will be thinking of you.##imported-begin##larry & lois price##imported-end##

January 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ To Leo my big brother and friend, you will always be in my heart. You were always there for me encouraging me, you never let me down always calling and checking on your little sister. I miss you Leo and I will miss your phone calls.
You were a good and strong man. Love you,

Your Sister,

Bernie##imported-begin##Bernie Johnson##imported-end##

January 13, 2011 at 08:17 PM



“ We would like to offer our deepest sympathy to Karen and all Leo's children. This is always such a difficult time, we pray you will find comfort in knowing Leo is in a better place. I will sure miss the visits to Aberdeen. I always enjoyed seeing Leo and listing to him talk about his children and their families. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you.

Bob and Vickie Vander Hoek (George and Irene's daughter)##imported-begin##Bob & Vickie Vander Hoek##imported-end##

January 12, 2011 at 08:40 PM



“ Our condolences to Leo,s family .I have so many memories of our growing up we were always together having fun getting into trouble no matter what we did it togather sunday afternoons were always the best. we will miss his visit very much It was always great to see you and Leo.love you Leo may you rest in peace so sorry we can,t be there.##imported-begin##Irene & George Imbery##imported-end##

January 12, 2011 at 11:06 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Doug & Sandi Berg##imported-end##

January 11, 2011 at 10:59 PM



“ My Brother Leo will be greatly missed! I have so many memories of him from when I was small, and our many brother-sister fights to growing very close to him as adults. Our most recent memories are of visiting Leo and Karen in Arizona....oh the fun we had and how we laughed. Especially with Spike "watching the car" and getting his treat when we came back out because he was a "good boy" and watched the car. Leo was always game for cranking the handle for making home-made chocolate ice cream. We played cards - Karen and I against Leo and Mel and even if he got mad because he lost, it was soon forgotten! :-) I can hear him chuckling right now and those EYES - I loved them!

I loved you Leo, you will truly be missed by all of us but I'm happy that you are in your eternal home in Heaven. May God welcome you with open arms as you go to your eternal place of rest. I know Mom and Dad will be waiting there to greet you too. Grant unto him eternal rest oh Lord and let Perpetual Light shine upon him.##imported-begin##Betty & Mel Imbery##imported-end##

January 11, 2011 at 09:02 PM



“ Our prayers are with all of you. Uncle Leo will be greatly missed by all of us. He was always so much fun to be around - always joking and laughing and we shared a love for our dogs together. That and home-made ice cream!! He was always so proud to talk about his family as well. It is so hard to believe that he is gone but what a beautiful place he is in now. May those of us who are left behind feel God's love and comfort during this difficult time. Love, Laurie (Betty and Mel's daughter)and family##imported-begin##Laurie Imberi##imported-end##

January 11, 2011 at 06:04 PM



“ I want to give my condolences in the death of my Uncle Leo. I haven't seen him in many years. What I remember most about Uncle Leo growing up, was he was always up for fun and a good time. Always a jokester. He always had a big smile on his face. The other thing I remember was how he always spoke with pride when talking about his children. You kids were everything to him. He will be missed.

I pray the Lord will bless and comfort you in the days ahead.

Juli

George and Irenes daughter##imported-begin##Juli

Feist##imported-end##

January 11, 2011 at 09:31 AM