



Von Nester Smith

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Von Nester Smith passed away September 19, 2017 at the age of 92. Von was born December 9, 1924 in Goble, Oregon to Thomas and Icy Smith.

Von grew up in Neer City, Oregon where he graduated from Rainier High School in 1943. After graduation, Von enlisted in the U. S. Navy where he served as a Naval photographer on an aircraft carrier during World War II.

In 1946 Von came home and started Columbia Photo Service on the family property, where he did photo finishing and portraits for all of Columbia County. The studio was opened continuously except for the 16 months during the Korean Conflict when, as an inactive member of the Naval reserve, he was whisked away to take photographs again, this time stationed in Japan.

In 1950 Von married Liz Anderson of St. Helens. This last February they celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. Along with photography, Von enjoyed hunting, gardening and growing vegetables to sell at their veggie stand in front of their photo studio. He prided himself in selling the best sweet corn around.

Von is survived by his wife, Liz, along with numerous nieces and nephews and a community that he loved.

A Celebration of Life will be held October 28, 2017 at the St. Helens Elks Lodge from 12-3 pm.


Family interment will be at 10:00 am at Bethany Memorial Cemetery.

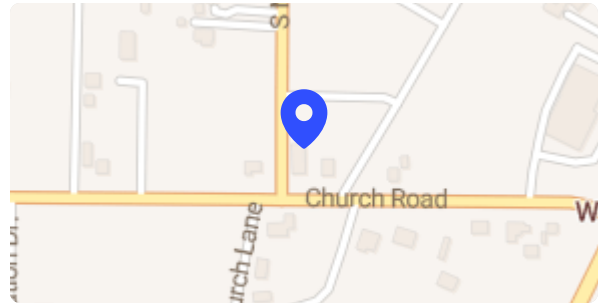


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Cemetery Details

 **Bethany Memorial Cemetery**
34721 Church Road, Warren OR 97053





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Barbara Wray sent a virtual gift in honor of Von.



January 5 at 8:21 AM



Jim & Cindy Stansbery lit a candle in honor of Von.



October 25 at 2:08 PM



Kathy Cooper Ashley lit a candle in honor of Von.



October 21 at 5:33 PM



"Billy" Carlson lit a candle in honor of Von.

Dear Liz So sorry to hear that Von has passed. I have so many memories of You, Liz and Von from growing up at Verne and Betty Kohlstrands farm. So many good memories about good people like Liz and Vaughn. My sincere sympathy."Billy" Carlson Verne and Betty's Nephew Guess it is hard for me to write "Billy" as I am now almost 75 years. Thanks for the memories.



October 20 at 10:38 AM



Diane Dillard posted:

I have many fond memories of Von...he took our class pictures, my wedding pictures, my family photo's, raised a whole bunch of corn and tomatoes that we ate heartily every summer. He and his wife, Liz, were the kindest, most generous people I know. He will be missed. Diane Dillard

October 17 at 6:24 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Von by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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