



Oroville W Otto

July 3, 1925 - March 14, 2013

Orville (Sam) Otto died at Central WA Hospital in Wenatchee, WA on March 14, 2013. He was born near Hutchinson, MN on July 3, 1925 to John and Meta Otto. He graduated from Hutchinson High School in 1942 and then worked the family farm. In 1954 he married Lorraine Schroeder at Mayer, MN. In 1958 they moved to Merrifield, MN to a small farm along the Mississippi river. Sam worked for a logger, for Singer Sewing Machine in Brainerd, MN, and spent 13 years working for Crow Wing County building roads and plowing snow. Their five children, Laurie, Eldon, Amy, Betty and John were born in MN. In 1973 the family moved to Sandpoint, ID, where Sam worked for Peak Paving and then as a janitor at Sandpoint schools. In 1977 Sam started working as a rural carrier for the postal service, retiring in 1994. In 1998 Sam and Lorraine moved to Wenatchee, WA.

Sam enjoyed reading, western history, and the outdoors. He also enjoyed taking his family on road trips, travelling around the country. Sam instilled these same loves into his children, saying "we gave the kids wings, not roots".

Sam was a faithful husband and is survived by Lorraine, wife of 58 years.

Children: Laurie (Steve) Klontz, of Cocolalla ID, Eldon (Connie) Otto, of East Wenatchee, WA, Amy (Gene) Buchanan, of Palmer, AK, Betty (Ted) Watson, of Managua, Nicaragua, John (Michelle) Otto of Stanfield, NC.

Granddaughters: Bobbi (Jayson) Hills, Heidi Bealer, Onita (Kelly) McNair, and Ona (Justin) Hastings. Great grandchildren: Mason and Clarisse Hills and very special great grandson Connor Hastings, who gave Sam many smiles

with his antics. Sam is survived by a sister June (Herb) Schulz of Hutchinson, MN, many brothers and sisters in-law, nieces, nephews & cousins. Sam was preceded in death by his parents, bother Larry Stevens, two sisters: Eleanor Otto and Doris Zimmerman and brother-in-law, Lester Zimmerman.

Memorial services will be held at 2 pm, Saturday, March 23, 2013, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 1321 Methow Street, Wenatchee, WA. At Sam's request, please no flowers at his Memorial service.

Contributions may be made to the family of Sam Otto.

Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee, WA.