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Kevin John Lemmon

He was able to live at home with his family until the early 1970s at which time he started living in various facilities that offered care for developmentally disabled persons. Two of the programs that Kevin was in while living in Pendleton were the Nova and Horizon projects. He spent several years in the Bungalow Care Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Kevin spent his last few months at Chrysalis Care Center in St. George, Utah. The family appreciates the care given Kevin by these facilities.

Kevin enjoyed life the best he could. His favorite things were being with family, riding bicycles, playing basketball, dancing, hiking, tossing firewood into a truck, and riding a motorcycle (minus the engine, etc) by propelling it with his legs. He enjoyed cowboy boots, ties, sun glasses, hats, and milk shakes. Kevin had a keen memory for remembering people he had met and had not seen for a period of time. He enjoyed socializing with

other people. He enjoyed participating in Special Olympics and proudly wore all of his medals.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mona Jean Lemmon, father, Richard Lemmon, brother, Jeff Lemmon, and brothers-in-law, Mike Jackson and Steve Frazier.

Kevin leaves behind his step-mother Dona Lemmon, brothers Andrew Lemmon (Cathy), and Scott Lemmon (Kathy); sisters Rhonda Gardner (Gil) Elaine Fresh (Stephen), Diana Lemmon, and Jolene Simpson (John) and 47 nephews and nieces.

A Memorial service was held at Metcalf Mortuary in St. George February 18th.

A graveside service will be held for Kevin at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Baker City, Oregon at a later date. Coles Tribute Center in Baker City is in charge of funeral arrangements.

To light a candle for Kevin or to leave a condolence for the family, please visit: www.colestribute-center.com.

Fred Eugene Palmer

Baker City, 1928-2017

Fred Eugene Palmer, 88, of Baker City, Oregon passed away at home on

March 6, 2017, from complications of prostate cancer and advancing age. Coles Tribute Center has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Fred was born in Portland in 1928 to Lowell (Elt) and Eugenia Palmer. They lived in Sandy, Oregon where Fred's father was a teacher at the two room Cottrell School. In 1936 Fred, his parents, and two younger sisters Patricia and Janis moved to Baker City, where Elt had secured a teaching position in the high school. He also served as the school wrestling coach. This was deep in the Great Depression and Fred had vivid memories of tough times and cold winters endured without adequate clothing.

In 1946 Fred graduated from Baker High School. With an eye on getting college support from the G.I. bill, Fred joined the Navy and served in California for two years. He then attended Reed College and graduated with a degree in Sociology. He married his first wife Ruth (Betty)



Fred Palmer

Belsey in 1950. After graduation Fred and Betty moved to Tulare County, California, where they were social services case-workers. Two years of this was all they could tolerate, and after extensive shoe-string travel in Europe, Fred entered Oregon State as a Microbiology major. He earned his degree and then attended Scripps Institute of Oceanography as a PhD candidate in Marine Microbiology. After earning his Master's degree he had a disagreement with his major professor and left Scripps for a research position at the University of Washington in 1960.

Fred met his current wife, then Linda Graves, when they were both working at the university. They became friends while joining many anti-Vietnam war protests. They married in 1976, became parents to their son Michael in 1983, and moved to Baker City in 1984. This began what Fred considered the happiest period of his life: raising a young son, building a log home with his wife, and living a rural life. Fred enjoyed farming alfalfa in the summers and doing field work for the UW as a research scientist in the winters until he retired.

The most intensely important thing in Fred's life was his family. But he was also a man with many diverse interests and an enduring curiosity about all things. He was passionate about the outdoors, spending eight college summers as a Forest Service fire lookout in the mountains around Baker. Five of those summers were spent on Mt. Ireland, for which he felt a spiritual attachment. Fred's father's family were Jordan Valley ranchers and Fred visited there throughout his life, and especially enjoyed exploring the upper Owyhee canyon lands. Other major interests included a lifelong enthusiasm for photography, flying small airplanes, progressive politics, and reading books of every conceivable type and subject. Fred loved animals almost as much as his family, and in fact considered his dogs, cats and horses important family members.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Elt and Eugenia Palmer and his nephew Michael Fox. He is survived by his wife Linda, his son and daughter-in-law Michael and Nicole, his new grandson Felix, and his sisters

Patricia Carmony and Janis Taylor; and also by his nieces Diane Carmony, Debra Kadiyala, Shelley Fox-Loken and Kim Lauterbach.

At Fred's request there will be no services.

Should friends and family desire, memorial contributions in Fred's honor can be made to a charity of your choice through Coles Tribute Center at 1950 Place St., Baker City, Or 97814.

To light a candle for Fred or to leave a condolence for the family, please visit: www.grayswestco.com.

County Clerk gives election information

Submitted by Cindy Carpenter, Baker County Clerk

Every two years voters have the opportunity to participate in the Special District Election, held on the odd-numbered years on the third Tuesday in May. This year Oregon's Special District Election is May 16, 2017.

1. Will anyone in Baker County receive all the candidates on their Special District ballot?

No. Voters who are registered in the District that will have candidates will have those positions on their ballot to vote for. Example is "Baker County Library" covers the entire County so these candidates will be on every ones ballot. For "Baker Rural Fire District" only registered voters who live in that district would have those candidates on their ballot.

2. When are Absentee Ballots mailed?

Absentee ballots may be requested anytime by filling out an Absentee form before April 16, 2017. All Absentee ballots will be

mailed on April 17th, so it would be necessary to be at your absentee address by this date. If you will be out of town and choose to come into the Clerk's office to pick up your ballot, ballots will not be available until March 29, 2017.

3. When will ballots be mailed in Baker County?

Baker County ballots will be delivered to the Baker Post Office on Wednesday, April 26th. Voters who do not receive a ballot through the mail by Wednesday, May 3rd should call the Election office at 541-523-8207. Ballots are not forwardable. Therefore, if an elector has moved or changed a mailing address without notifying us it is likely their ballot will be returned to us as undeliverable. It is important that the electors update their voter registration with their current address or for a name change.

4. Why do some voters receive two ballots?

If a voter changes their address close to the registration deadline, they may receive two ballots. Ballot envelopes are assembled

for mailing prior to the registration deadline because of volume. Only one ballot will count. The first ballot is inactivated when the second ballot is issued.

5. When are write-in votes tallied?

Write-in votes will not be tallied on Election Day. The abstracting process for determining all the various write-in names will begin after Election Day and continue until completed. It is anticipated that those results will be released at the same time the election is certified on June 5th. When there is a candidate listed on a contest, the write-in votes are only abstracted if the total number of write-ins equal or exceeds the votes for the listed candidate.

Per OAR 165-007-0030, the Vote by Mail Manual, misspelling or abbreviations of the names of candidates are disregarded by the Election Board if it cannot be ascertained from the ballot for which the vote was intended. A first initial is not sufficient, but an abbreviated version of a first name is allowed

(example: Bob for Robert).

Other notable items and reminders:

Last day to register to vote is Tuesday April 25th. To be valid, the voter registration card must be postmarked by April 25th or, go online to oregon-votes.gov. The online registration must be submitted by April 25th by 11:59 pm. Voter registration cards are available at DMV, all city halls and post offices. The County Clerk's office also will always have them in stock.

Election Day is Tuesday, May 16, 2017. Ballots must be returned to the election office either through the mail, an official drop site or in the County Clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Election Day.


Last day to mail ballots is Wednesday, May 10th. If a voter has not mailed their ballot by May 10th they should deliver their ballot to a drop site to ensure their ballot is received by the deadline. Postmarks do not count.

Official Baker County drop site locations are listed on a flyer in your ballot


envelope and also on the Baker County web site. Go to Bakercounty.org, mouse into Administration then Clerks and the Drop Sites are a selection to read.

Public Certification test in Baker County will be held Thursday, May 4th, at 10 a.m., at the County Clerk's office. The public certification test with the M650 counting machine that will be used to count ballots for the May 16, 2017 Special District Election. The test is conducted prior to each election.


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