

## Leland U. Fortner

Jan. 1929 - Oct. 2015



Mr. Leland U. Fortner, 86, of Kennewick, passed away peacefully on Monday, Oct. 5, with loving family members by his side. Lee was born on Jan. 20, 1929 in Lakeview, Ore., to Philip and Gertrude Fortner, the second of three sons. He grew up in Baker City, and was part of the BHS Class of 1947. He attended college at Oregon State University, attaining his bachelor's degree. He then served as a 2nd Lt. in the Marine Corps for two years, serving a tour of duty in Korea in 1952. Returning home, he met and married his bride of 62 years, Diona "Dee" Baum of Baker City. Over the next five years they had three children, Raymond, Douglas and Roxane.

Lee obtained his Master's degree from OSU in 1955, and returned to work for his father in Baker City for a short time, before accepting a position with Seattle First National Bank in 1958, where he began a 27 year career in banking, taking him and his family through various positions of increasing responsibility in Seattle, Yakima, Mt. Vernon, Yakima again, and finally to Pasco in 1974. He retired in 1985 as a regional Vice President of SeaFirst based in Pasco. During his career he was active in many community affairs, as a member of the Rotary Club, and served a term on the school board in Mt. Vernon, Wash.

In retirement, Lee and Dee traveled extensively, taking part in many Elderhostel programs, learning about the history and culture of many different places in the U.S., as well as extended journeys to Australia and Europe. He and Dee also played active roles in their children's and grandchildren's lives, traveling often to visit them all. He stayed active physically, playing golf and bowling for many years.

Lee is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Diona, and their three children, Raymond (Ann), Douglas (Kathy), and Roxane Frostad (Mick). He is also survived by his younger brother Ross and nephews James Fortner (Kay), and Richard Fortner (Nancy), and their families. Surviving grandchildren are Aidan Fortner, Mark Fortner, Clair Fortner, Noah Fortner, Michael Frostad, and Ryan Frostad (Kirsten).

Lee touched and affected many lives during his life, and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. A memorial service was held Saturday, Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. at Kennewick First Presbyterian Church. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made in Lee's name to Trail Seekers of Kennewick, 1035 Pattyton Lane, Richland, WA 99352.

## B. Leroy Merrick

March 1925 - Oct. 2015



Born on March 11, 1925 in Lamar, Colo., to Clarence and Emma Merrick, Leroy died on Oct. 11, 2015 at Meadowbrook Place in Baker City at age 90.

A memorial service is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 16, 2015 at 10 a.m. at Coles Tribute Center in Baker City. A reception will follow at the United Methodist Church and inurnment at Mt. Hope Cemetery at 2 p.m.

Leroy graduated from Nyssa High School and worked for the Forest Service. Leroy married Jean Harding on Nov. 20, 1948. He joined the Navy on July 27, 1943 serving in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He returned to the Forest Service and was the fire control officer for the Wallow-Whitman Forest when he retired in 1975. After retirement from the Forest Service he worked for Rambling Rotors helicopter service in La Grande and also served as the Baker County Veterans service officer.

Since joining the Baker Elks in 1967, he had been involved in many of the Elks programs, including: Meadowood Springs Speech and Hearing Camp, Casey Eye Institute, most valuable student scholarship program, Miners Jubilee Bronc and Bull Riding. During his active 45 years as an Elk, he served as Exalted Ruler three times and filled the role of various chairs and positions on the local, district and State levels.

He was a member of the Methodist church and involved in many organizations and activities in the Baker area, including, but not limited to: American Legion, VFW, Baker Little League, Crazy 8s square dancing, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, 55 Alive, Trail Tenders at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Community Connections.

He enjoyed many years of snowmobiling and shared this passion with his wife, children, grandchildren and friends.

He is survived by Jean, his wife of 67 years, sons Steve and Craig and daughter Becky, along with seven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters and one brother.

Donations in memory of Leroy can be made to the Elks Meadowood Speech and Hearing Camp and/or the Elks National Foundation. This may be done through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St. Baker City, OR 97814.

## Service Notice

**Donald R. A. DeRoest**, 82, of Baker City died Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 at his residence. A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015 at Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel with Pastor Jesse Whitford of the Baker City Christian Church officiating.

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If council chooses to hire Kee back, they would no longer pay into the public retirement fund (PERS) for Kee in the amount of \$2000 per month.

Langrell raised concerns about being locked into a six month period if a suitable candidate was found prior to the end of the six month period and having to pay for two salaries. Kee stated that he is rather fond of Baker City and that his intent was not in any way to gouge the City. He stated that if council hired a candidate right away and his services were not needed for the remainder of the six months, he would be willing to come back before council and address the matter and the contract.

Luke Yeaton swears in Sandy Lewis at Tuesday night's City Council meeting. Councilor Mike Downing is in the background.



## Death / Service Notices

**Claudeen Nantz**, 85, of the North Powder and La Grande area, died at a care home in La Grande on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. On line condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Marlene Frost**, 80, of Baker City, died on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015 at Ashley Manor Care Center in Baker City. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. On line condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Peggy Perkins**, 78, longtime resident of Baker City and Sumpter, died at her home on Oct. 8, 2015. A Celebration of Peggy's Life will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015 ~ 2 p.m. at the Baker City Veteran's Memorial Club. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. On line condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

**Sharon Myers**, 63, of Baker City, died on Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015 at LaGrande Post Acute Care Center. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. On line condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com). A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 3 p.m. in the VFW Hall in Baker City.

**Delbert "Del" Stone**, 82, of Richland, Ore., died at Meadowbrook place in Richland on Friday, Oct. 9, 2015. Del's request was that there not be a service. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. On line condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

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