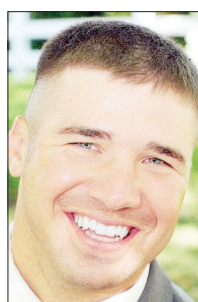


## John Daniel 'JD' Lambert

**Pendleton**  
**May 25, 1983 — December 27, 2020**



Lambert

John Daniel "JD" Lambert was born on May 25, 1983, to Allen and Kathy Orr-Lambert. JD grew up in Pendleton, where he attended Pendleton schools, graduating from Pendleton High School (PHS) in 2001.

JD was an outstanding athlete for PHS, excelling in football, wrestling and baseball. In 2018 he was inducted into PHS Sports Hall of Fame for his athletic contributions during his high school career.

After high school JD chose to serve his country and enlisted in the United States Army in 2003. He served in the 25th Infantry Division, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment "Wolfhounds," where he was stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. JD was a combat veteran of operation Iraqi Freedom/Second Gulf War where he deployed in 2004.

It was after high school that he also met the love of his life and future wife Lindsey, marrying in 2003 before he joined the army. In 2005 their son Payton was born, followed by their daughter Tatum in 2008. JD absolutely adored his children and, to anyone who knew him, it was obvious they were his pride and joy. JD enjoyed being a father more than anything else. You could always find JD in a gym or field watching his two kids play.

In 2008, after serving his country honorably, JD, Lindsey and kids returned home to Pendleton. Once home JD continued his public service where he worked for Homestead Youth Lodge, before joining the Pendleton Police Department as a police officer in 2013. In 2018 JD joined Umatilla County Community Corrections as a parole and probation officer.

JD had a passion for

sports and regularly volunteered his time coaching youth sports, particularly football and baseball. JD was a natural teacher and enjoyed sharing his knowledge of sports with local youth. JD coached youth from elementary age to high school. He was an assistant coach for Pendleton High School and Weston McEwen High School in baseball and football at various times over the years.

JD touched many lives and was a genuinely caring person. He had the ability to talk to and relate to people across all sectors. It was often said that when JD spoke to people he always made them feel appreciated. JD had an infectious laugh and smile that is cherished to all that knew him.

JD is survived by his wife Lindsey and their two children Payton and Tatum; his parents Allen and Kathy Orr-Lambert of Pendleton; brothers Jason of Richland, Washington, Shawn and Jaime Orr and Timmy and Megan of Kennewick, Washington; and several nieces and nephews.

Service will be held in an outside rural setting (dress accordingly) at 10 a.m. on January 9, 2021, at 78889 Gerking Flat Road, Athena, OR 97813. Due to COVID restrictions we ask that you wear a mask, and follow CDC guidelines. There will be a live feed for those for those wanting to attend virtually on JD's Facebook page (J.d. Lambert).

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Pendleton Linebackers Club or Rollin Schimmel Memorial Fund in JD's honor.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [www.burnsmortuary.com](http://www.burnsmortuary.com).

## Elmer Charles Ringering

**Pendleton**  
**August 14, 1935 — December 31, 2020**

Elmer Charles Ringering was born August 14, 1935, in Brainerd, Minnesota, to LeRoy and Evelyn Barrett Ringering and died December 31, 2020, at his home in Pendleton, Oregon.

Elmer moved from Brainerd, Minnesota, with his parents and siblings to Oregon City, Oregon, when he was 7 years old. Elmer attended Auburn Adventist Academy his senior year where he met his future wife, Marilyn Morris. They were married June 30, 1955, in Pasco, Washington.

The couple moved to Pendleton, Oregon, where he worked at Harris Pine Mills. Their first son, Steven, was born in Pendleton, Oregon, and died at 10 months old of pneumonia. Their son Gary was also born in Pendleton.

The family moved to Hillsboro, Oregon, where Elmer gained an apprenticeship in cartography. After three years, they moved back to Pendleton and welcomed sons Jeff and Brent and daughter Brenda.

Elmer worked as a cartographer in the county assessor's office until his retirement in 1994, winning an award for 33 years of outstanding service to the Umatilla County Assessor's office.

Elmer was an avid rockhound and hiked many miles in the hills searching for all kinds of rock. Petrified wood was his favorite. He spent countless hours

cutting and polishing his own rocks. He had a love for gardening and always had a large garden with lots of beautiful flowers. He loved backpacking and hiked hundreds of miles in the Wallowa Mountains with his sons.

Elmer was preceded in death by his parents, brother Dale Ringering, sister-in-law Lil, and sons Steven and Gary.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn; daughter-in-law Cheryl Ringering of Hamilton, Oregon; son Jeff Ringering (Lori) of Walla Walla, Washington; son Brent Ringering (Anita) of Lewiston, Idaho; and daughter Brenda Salsbery (Scott) of Brush Prairie, Washington. He is also survived by his sister Elma Trodell of Walla Walla, Washington; brother Floyd Ringering (Violet) of Oral, South Dakota; sister Viola Pflugrad (Edvern) of Hamilton, Oregon; brother Don Ringering (Carol) of Forrest Grove, Oregon; sister Irene Aldred (Frank) of Beaver Creek, Oregon; brother-in-law Bob Morris (Donna) of Lake Havasu City, Arizona; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

No service will be held at this time. A celebration of life will be held next spring or summer.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [www.burnsmortuary.com](http://www.burnsmortuary.com).



Ringering

## Michael Gray 'Mick' Tolar

**Hermiston**  
**September 8, 1938 — January 1, 2021**

Michael Gray "Mick" Tolar of Hermiston, longtime principal of A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon, Oregon, died on January 1, 2021, in Kennewick, Washington, at the age of 82 years.

Mick was born in Echo, Oregon, on September 8, 1938, to Empie Ray and Bennie Lee Middleton Tolar. He considered himself fortunate to have grown up in such a loving family and in such a wonderful small town.

He was quite involved in athletics as a young man. He played on Echo's undefeated 1953 state championship basketball team and the 1955 state championship baseball team. He was captain of the 1956 basketball team, which finished second in state.

Mick enjoyed stopping to interact with any babies he might see. His love of children directed him toward a career in education. He received BS and MS degrees in education at Eastern Oregon College (now University) before continuing graduate work at the University of Oregon, where he received his educational administrative credential.

Although jobs were plentiful throughout the state in 1960, Mick wanted to remain close to home because his father was ill. Thus began his long association with the Morrow County School District, where he served for 34 years. He accepted a contract to teach sixth grade at A.C. Houghton School in Irrigon for the sum of \$4,500, the highest base salary of all Eastern Oregon College education grads in that year. He received an additional \$200 to coach a total of four sports: junior high football, basketball, baseball and track. (Was this the beginning of merit pay?)

After teaching for three years, his principal left. He was encouraged by the local advisory committee, as well as the Morrow County School Board, to apply for the position. Refusing to do so at first, he finally succumbed to encouragement from others, and signed a one-year contract at the age of 24. He grave credit to Joyce Smith, a longtime staff member, for mothering him through the hot spots of that first year. The one-year trial

stretched into 31 years as the principal at ACH before he retired in 1994.

After retirement he spent some time supervising student teachers for Eastern Oregon and Portland State universities. He especially enjoyed some time in the classroom when called upon to be a substitute teacher.

In 1966 Mick married Carol Byerly; they had three children: Patrick Gray, Megan Lynn and Aaron Jon. In December 1983, he married Susan Lynn Lightbown.

Mick was active in numerous professionals and civic organizations over the years, including charter membership in North Morrow Vector Control, Columbia View Community Church and the OESPA (state elementary principals' organization). He enjoyed family, gardening and fishing. He especially enjoyed traveling and meeting new people, and was fortunate to have visited 54 countries with his wife, Susan, before Parkinson's disease brought an end to traveling adventures.

Tolar is survived by his wife of 37 years; sons Patrick Gray Tolar (Tera) and Aaron Jon Tolar; daughter Megan Lynn Bryan; six grandchildren: Breana Renae Tolar Beck (Travis), Brooke Renee Tolar, Katelyn Marie Tolar, Zack Loyal Bryan, Cade Gray Bryan and Mya Lan Bryan; and brothers Joseph Ray Tolar (Kathy) and Robert Lynn Tolar (Maria).

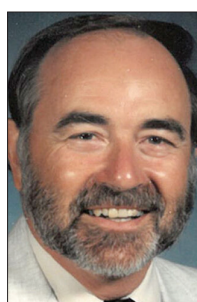
Mick was preceded in death by his parents, and his sisters Vera Louise Gurtler and Mary Ruth Colburn.

Due to COVID, a brief public graveside service following state guidelines will be held on Friday, January 8, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. at the Echo Cemetery, Echo, Oregon. A celebration of life gathering will be held when restrictions are lifted.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the International Rescue Committee, 122 East 42nd St., New York, NY 10168-1289 ([rescue.org](http://rescue.org)) or a charity of your choice.

Please share memories of Mick with his family at [burnsmortuaryhermiston.com](http://burnsmortuaryhermiston.com).

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.



Tolar

## Joel Makelin Florenzen

**Hermiston**  
**May 8, 1937 — December 17, 2020**



Joel Makelin Florenzen, 83, passed away peacefully at his home in Hermiston, Oregon, on December 17, 2020. He was with his loving wife of 56 years, Patricia "Trish" Florenzen, daughters Heidi Florenzen and Jennifer (Florenzen) Gilbert, and son-in-law Jonathon "Jon" Gilbert.

Joel was born May 8, 1937, in Fort Bragg, California, to parents Manuel Florenzen and Josephine "Josie" (Gollnick) Florenzen. He was later joined by siblings Sharon Rhea and Darryl Dean.

He grew up in Fort Bragg, California, and graduated from Fort Bragg Unified High School in 1955. He worked at the lumber mill with his dad during summers and after high school, saving money for college.

Joel enlisted in the United States Air Force in May 1957 and was on active duty until May 1962. He was in the Air Force Reserves through 1963 and was honorably discharged. He completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He became a radar operator and was stationed in Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi, the Othello Radar Station in Othello, Washington, and then a radar site in Germany.

During his time in the U.S. Air Force he enjoyed traveling, meeting new people, and experiencing new cultures. He visited Paris, France, rode a motorcycle on the Autobahn in Germany, and learned to ski in Switzerland. As a radar operator he tracked Santa Claus' journey around the globe each Christmas Eve.

After the Air Force he attended Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls, Oregon, in 1963 where he met his future wife Trish. They married on October 3, 1964, in Carson City, Nevada. In 1966 Joel graduated on the Dean's List with an Associate in Engineering in survey technology and an Associate in Engineering in highway technology.

Joel and Trish moved to Vale, Oregon, in 1966 where they made their home for 51 years and where they raised their two daughters, Heidi and Jennifer.

Joel worked for the Soil Conservation Service as an engineering technician in Ontario, Oregon, from 1967 until he retired in 1993. He received numerous Merits of Performance awards from the United States Department of Agriculture until his retirement.

Joel enjoyed being a husband and father. He was hands-on and loved participating in his daughters' activities. As young children, he would read to them every night when he got home from work. He went to every swim meet, concert, play and parent-teacher conference. When they joined the Girl Scouts, he joined as a member too.

He was a humorous and fun dad. If the first big snow of the season occurred after bedtime, he would wake them up to go outside and play, even on a school night. One Christmas Eve, he climbed up on the roof to leave hay for the reindeer to eat, as his young daughters were concerned they would be hungry.

Joel kept busy with his many hobbies and volunteer work throughout the years and into retirement. He volunteered for the AARP Tax Assistance program and the Vale Public Library. He was on the Public Works Committee for the city of Vale and served on the board for the

Vale Food Pantry. He loved to travel with Trish and had been to such places as Madeira Island in Portugal, Denali National Park in Alaska, Washington, D.C., and a cross-country trip to New York City, New York.

He took numerous fun trips to the Oregon coast to meet up with friends. He enjoyed meeting up with family and friends in Boise, Idaho. He would sometimes take the girls for trips to Les Bois Horse Racing Park. After Jennifer's 21st birthday they took a family trip to Jackpot, Nevada. His last special trip was with his wife Trish and his daughter Heidi to see the monarch butterfly migration in Pacific Grove, California.

Joel was a loyal Boise State Broncos football fan and loved to listen to the games on the radio. He was an avid reader (the Stephanie Plum novels were his favorite), and enjoyed photography and woodworking. He shared a love of pheasant, chukar and duck hunting with his son-in-law Jon and special friend Ron Hellman. Occasionally he chose his photography skills over his hunting skills and would come home from a hunting trip with only photographs.

Growing up on the California coast he developed a great love of fishing he shared with his dad. As a little boy, he was known to occasionally skip school and take his dad's boat out fishing. He shared his love of fishing with his daughters and took them frequently to Bully Creek, Brownlee, and Owyhee reservoirs. His daughters sometimes preferred swimming over fishing on these trips. He learned to accept he may not come home with a catch because of the splashing they created by disturbing the fish.

Joel had a love for gardening and would spend each summer growing two abundant gardens. He especially enjoyed growing tomatoes and corn, which he generously shared with friends, family and neighbors. He loved bright colorful flowers and planted zinnias yearly. He had a soft spot for animals, and especially loved cats and his daughters' grandkitties.

Joel and Trish moved to Hermiston, Oregon, in 2017 to be closer to their kids in his later years. He had a special nostalgia for the redwoods and enjoyed visiting his childhood home on the Northern California coast, but his heart always remained in Vale and the Treasure Valley.

He is survived by his spouse, Patricia "Trish" Ann Florenzen (Hermiston, Oregon); daughters Heidi Florenzen (Hermiston, Oregon) and Jennifer (Jonathon) Gilbert (Selah, Washington); brother Darryl (Cynthia) Florenzen (Healdsburg, California); special friends Bill Reynolds, Jim Paoli, Kate Danks and Kip Yasumiishi; and numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mom, Josephine "Josie" Florenzen; his dad Manuel Florenzen; his sister Sharon Handelin Edwards; and parents-in-law Wayne and Mildred Percifield.

A Celebration of Life will be determined at a later date and is tentatively planned for Fall 2021 in Idaho.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Vale Oregon Food Pantry in care of City of Vale, 150 Longfellow St. North, Vale, OR 97918.

Burns Mortuary in Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.

## Scott Allen Jacobson

**Pendleton**  
**April 18, 1964 — December 30, 2020**

Scott Allen Jacobson passed away on December 30, 2020. He was born April 18, 1964 in Kodiak, Alaska, to Robert and Nancy Jacobson.

Scott is survived by his wife, of 27 years, Clare Jacobson of Pendleton, Oregon; his brother Kevin Jacobson of Astoria, Oregon; his son Christopher Ely and wife Marie of Pendleton, Oregon; his daughter Kimberly Boone and husband Devin of Eugene, Oregon; his son Timothy Jacobson of Kennewick, Washington; his daughter Jacquie Galvez and husband Brian of Meridian, Idaho; his daughter Sarah Bowen and husband Damian of Pendleton, Oregon; his sons Nathan, Ryan and Austin Tate of Pendleton, Oregon; his grandchildren Joshua, Cameron, Zachery, Bailey and Oliver; and his great-granddaughter Amara Kipp-Jacobson. Scott is preceded in death by all his grandparents.

Scott's passion was serving others, both in his career and in his community. His career centered around managing volunteers for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). RSVP volunteers provide services

throughout Umatilla County, including volunteering at community senior centers and providing medical transportation and financial services to those in need. After Scott left RSVP, he continued to set up programs to provide medical transportation and other services to those in need.

Scott was a member of the Oregon State Grange and Pendleton Lions Club. For the Oregon State Grange, Scott served many offices including junior director, youth director and gatekeeper. Scott was a devoted Christian, a member of the First Christian Church of Pendleton, Oregon, for over 30 years. He had a love for camping and enjoyed God's country.

Scott had many talents including, a phenomenal voice, quick wit, a knack for words, and that sense of humor we all loved. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Donations to assist Scott's family may be made to Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, 131 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97801 or Banner Bank.

Share online condolences with the family at [www.pioneerchapel.com](http://www.pioneerchapel.com).



Jacobson

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