



## LeRoy Thomas Friend

May 14, 1931 - June 16, 2022

LeRoy Thomas Friend went home to be with his Savior Jesus Christ on June 16, 2022. LeRoy was born on May 14, 1931 in Wilson Creek, WA. LeRoy spent his childhood in Wilson Creek until he met Florence Hoffman and in 1953 they were married and made their home in Soap Lake. LeRoy accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord & Savior after listening to a sermon by MR DeHaan's Radio Bible Class. LeRoy put his assurance in Romans 10: 9 & 10 and 13. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved".

LeRoy worked for the City of Soap Lake for 33 years before retiring and operating his small hay and cattle farm outside of Soap Lake. LeRoy and his wife were the first couple married in the First Baptist Church of Soap Lake. LeRoy taught Sunday School and was a deacon at the church for over 60 years.

LeRoy was preceded in death by his parents Lester & Edith Friend, and his 2 brothers James and Kenneth. LeRoy is survived by his wife Florence, his sister Claudia and husband Larry (Spokane Valley, WA), sister-in-law Pat (Moses Lake, WA), their 5 children; Bill and wife Machele (Quincy, WA), Don and wife Cherie (Lacey, WA), Tom and wife Liza (Soap Lake, WA), John and wife Mary (Ephrata, WA), Ruth and husband Joe (Aurora, OR). Leroy had 17

Grandchildren and 33 Great Grandchildren as well as many nephew and nieces.

A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church of Soap Lake on June 24th at 11am.

# Cemetery Details

## Valley View Memorial Park

20174 Rd A N.E.  
Soap Lake, WA 98851  
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# Previous Events

## Service

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM (PT)

First Baptist Church of Soap Lake  
4th and Division  
Soap Lake, WA 98851

# Tribute Wall

BN

“ *Leroy and Florence are in so many of my childhood memories. Leroy always had a smile on his face and an easy laugh. My family shared many meals with them or we would have dessert after Sunday night service. We sure played a lot of board-games! Wonderful memories of a man who loved and served his Lord and Savior. Our condolences to the family. We will see Leroy again some day! Praise the Lord!*

*Brigitte & Kelly Norwood*

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**Brigitte Norwood** - June 24, 2022 at 08:36 PM

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“ *My favorite memory of Uncle LeRoy was Sunday dinners at Grandma and Grandpa Friend. LeRoy, Pinkie and Dad talking and laughing. Then taking a nap after eating!*  
*Paul Friend*

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**Paul Friend** - June 24, 2022 at 11:25 AM

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“ *Florence and Leroy Friend are both some of the very best memories I have of a very difficult childhood. Leroy always made sure to visit us on Saturdays and confirm we would be in church on Sunday. He always had a smile on his face and a hug when we needed it. I will always have fond memories in my heart of the example he set for many of the youth in his time on this earth, He will be missed.*

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**Linda Strunk** - June 23, 2022 at 03:46 PM

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“ *Leroy was a good man, worked with him for several years in Soap Lake before he retired. One of a kind, a fine honest, honorable, pleasant, dependable man. RIP my friend Leroy.*

*Ken Lee*

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**Ken** - June 21, 2022 at 10:42 AM