



## Robert E Lewis

July 25, 1930 - January 18, 2024

Robert E. Lewis, age 93, was called home to his Heavenly Father on January 18, 2024. Robert was born in the summer of 1930 in the mountains near Beaverton, Oregon to Seth and Effie Lewis. He was the youngest of five children. After 8th grade Robert moved in with his sister and her husband in Beaverton and went to work for a local plywood company. In July 1951 Robert enlisted with the United States Air Force and trained at Keesler AFB, Mississippi. In October 1952 Robert married Marilyn Stephenson in Monmouth, Oregon and a couple of weeks later was sent to serve in the Korean War and upon returning was stationed at Gary AFB in Texas. When his term was finished, he served an additional 4 years in the USAF Reserve. July 1959 Robert was honorably discharged with the following: National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, UN Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Rep of Korea Pres Unit Citation. Returning to Oregon, Robert worked in the farming or lumber industry. Robert and Marilyn had 6 children: James, Daniel, Charles, Joyce, Patricia, Susanne, and for a few years one foster child. In 1974 Robert moved his family to Washington State and settled farming in the Ephrata area. Just a few years later Robert went to work as a mechanic for the Bureau of Reclamation in Grand Coulee and relocated to Almira. After retiring from the Bureau, Robert and Marilyn moved to Wilson Creek to enjoy their golden years! Robert enjoyed woodworking, fishing, camping, and elk hunting with his sons and grandsons. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, sisters: Thelma (Doughtery), Agnes Lewis,

Vinnie Marie (Filer), Opal (Burck), and an infant son Charles. Robert is survived by his wife of 71 years, Marilyn, sons James (Belinda) Lewis and Daniel (Sandy) Lewis, and daughters Joyce (Dean) Benedict, Patricia (Rob) Sage, and Susanne (Adam) Key, 16 grandchildren, and 28 great-grandchildren.

Robert will have a graveside service at Valley View Memorial Cemetery, Soap Lake, on March 22, 2024, at 11:30 am with a luncheon to follow. The family would like to thank McKay Healthcare for their amazing staff and the loving care they provided for Robert, he was so thankful for all things they did for him.

# Cemetery Details

## Valley View Memorial Park

20174 Rd A N.E.  
Soap Lake, WA 98851  
(509) 754-4150  
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# Previous Events

## Graveside

MAR 22. 11:30 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember as a young girl going out to Lewis’s and picking rocks out of their field to prepare it for a crop. Trish, Susi, myself and others were out there in the hot sun throwing rocks up into the farm truck. We were so dirty but I never remember anyone complaining! I think we always made it fun. Bob was always so patient and kind, I never ever remember him raising his voice or saying anything negative to anyone. Just a very nice quiet man.

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**Randie Sue Ralston-Ponozzo** - February 09, 2024 at 06:30 PM