



Odell Deaton

July 9, 1927 - October 4, 2020

Odell Deaton, famous maker of pancakes, passed away in Lynden, WA on October 4, 2020 at the age of 93. He was born on July 9, 1927 in Caney, OK to Homer and Fanny (Lackey) Deaton. In 1956 he married Elizabeth “Jeanette” Welch in Odessa, Texas. Together they raised 3 children. Odell worked as a roughneck, and in 1969 he and Jeanette moved their family to Bellingham so he could be closer to the Alaskan oil fields. Odell’s stories of working on the North Slope could keep family and friends rivetted for hours.

No stranger to hard work, Odell was a generous and proud provider for his family. Even in his leisure time Odell was a hard worker, keeping up with household projects in his shop and tending his large vegetable garden. When he did relax, it was usually with a cup of coffee, to settle in for a favorite old Western movie, probably starring the “Duke,” John Wayne, or to simply enjoy his grandkids and great-grandkids. Odell’s kind and forgiving nature will forever be part of his legacy.

Odell is survived by his children Melanie and Cindy, grandchildren Lisa, Brian, Madeline, Emily “Jaynie”, Nicholas, and Joshua, and great-grandchildren Sonny, Abby, Craig, Jayda, and Noah.

Odell was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Jeanette “Nett,” just a month before his own passing, and by his precious son Randy “the Bear”

Deaton in 1999.

Odell's family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Patterson and staff for their outstanding care all these years. Please consider a memorial donation in Odell's name to Whatcom Hospice Foundation.

A Remembrance Ceremony will be held in Spring 2021. Odell's final resting place is at Bayview Cemetery in Bellingham.

Tribute Wall



“ Take care of your moma boy. As long as I’m alive she is safe trust me. 9/17/2020

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“ My condolences to the Deaton family on the loss of your parents. You will be in my thoughts and I wish you strength.

Greg Holmes - November 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM