



## Herbert Eugene "Gene" McDonald

February 8, 1931 - June 15, 2015

Herbert Eugene McDonald, 84, died June 15, 2015 in Spokane at Sacred Heart Hospital.

He was born on February 8, 1931 in Maza, North Dakota to William McDonald and DeEtta Bennett. He attended Devils Lake High School and later joined the Air Force where he served in Germany. While attending Eastern Washington University he married Gemma Kirchner on June 4, 1955. The following year he took over his father's small farm in Douglas County and was actively involved with the farm until his death.

Gene was an active community member involved with the local grange, the VFW Post 6006, 43 years of service on Port District #4, served as a board member for "Our House" Cancer Care of North Central Washington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Ellen Schultz and Wilma Hobson both of North Dakota; wife Gemma Kirchner; stepson Patrick O'Connor and step-daughter Michaele Ann McKinley.

Survivors include son Howard McDonald of Coulee City; stepson Dan O'Connor of Coulee City; stepdaughter Christine Norley of Quincy; sister Mari Ann Peterson of Carrington, N.D. and husband Pete; sister Clarice Payne of Boise, ID and husband Lew; six grand children, eleven great grand children, and one great, great, grand child.

Funeral Services will be held Saturday June 20, 2015 at 11:00 at the Coulee City Assembly of God Church with refreshments/potluck to follow.

Waterville Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com). Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.