



Neil Ben Trammell

December 2, 1928 - June 2, 2012

Neil Trammell, born December 2, 1928, passed away at his home on June 2, 2012, at age 83. He was born at National, UT, while his family was temporarily located at a mining camp, during the hardest times of the Great Depression. Much of his early life was spent in small towns on the eastern side of Arkansas, where his family were primarily cotton farm workers. After learning from relatives about new opportunities in Oregon, the entire family, including Neil and five siblings, settled at Grand Island. They later moved to their family home in Dayton, OR, where his family was blessed with six additional brothers and sisters. He attended Dayton High School, where he met Patty Ann Woodward. Neil was student body president of his graduating class in 1947. Following graduation, in the years following World War II, Neil enlisted with the U. S. Army. He was stationed at Fort Story, VA. After his discharge from active service, he continued in the National Guard for six years. Upon returning home to Dayton from the Army, by chance he again met up with Patty Woodward. The friendship that had

developed in high school quickly turned into a deeper relationship. They married on September 2, 1950, at the Christian Church at Dayton, and remained devotedly married for the next 61 years. After marrying, they lived in Forest Grove, OR. They returned later to live in Dayton. Neil worked at a local appliance store, showing a natural talent for anything mechanical. He was subsequently recruited and mentored by the lead engineer at the Alderman Farms cold storage plant, just outside of Dayton. Neil purchased and remodeled a small home in Dayton, for raising his two new sons, Larry and Lonnie. His reputation as a plant operator grew. He was offered a position in 1960, as the refrigeration engineer at the Terminal Ice and Cold Storage plant at Milwaukie, OR. As they say, "it was an offer that he couldn't refuse." He moved the family to Tigard, OR. His career continued upward, as he was elected President of the local chapter of the Refrigeration and Operating Engineers professional society. In 1965, he and his wife, Patty, decided to move, to raise their boys in a rural area. They purchased the Bonaparte Lake Resort, in the Okanogan National Forest, between Tonasket and Republic. He operated the resort until 1972. This was the happiest and most productive time of his life. After his two sons grew and went on to college at Washington State University, he lived in the Tonasket and Omak areas, working in carpentry and appliance repair. Looking forward to a warmer environment, he and Patty relocated to Yuma, AZ. Shortly later, he was offered a job back in the Wenatchee area, and jumped at the chance. At Wenatchee, he worked in apartment management and home business projects. After a series of strokes, the decline was relatively fast, as he lost most of his eyesight, hearing and physical strength. In the early morning of June 2, 2012, Neil was at last received into God's loving arms in the presence of his family.

Neil is survived by his wife, Patty; children, Larry Trammell of

Kirkland, WA, and Lonnie and Jo Ann Trammell of Dallas, TX; and grandsons, Brad Trammell of Austin, TX and Ryan Trammell of Dallas, TX.

The family would like to give special thanks for the kind help and reassurances received from Stacy from Aging and Adult Care, Ellen and Carrie at Beneficial In-Home Care, and Debbie and Gail at the Central Washington Hospital Hospice. Special thanks to neighbors Bob and Bobbie Higgins, who seemed always to appear just when needed most.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2012, at the Jones & Jones~Betts Memorial Chapel in Wenatchee. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family on the online memorial website at www.jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 12:30 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Neil Ben Trammell



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Aunt Patty,
What a special uncle he was. You both have always been so dear to me. I am so glad that we were able to see him and talk with him recently. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I wish we lived closer.
Love you,
Marlene

Marlene Lieb (niece) - June 13, 2012 at 01:40 PM



I wish we lived closer too!! Miss you.

Patty Trammell - June 26, 2012 at 01:27 PM

MT

“ Mary Trammell lit a candle in memory of Neil Ben Trammell



Mary Trammell - June 09, 2012 at 11:17 PM



Thank you Mary. Appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Patty Trammell - June 26, 2012 at 01:28 PM

LS

“ *Patty, dear,
My heart is aching for you and your family. I sent Jonesjonesbetts
URL to Virginia Vose and I am sure she will respond. With love,
Leilani and Jim Bangs*

Leilani Mae Schroder-Bangs - June 09, 2012 at 10:02 AM



Thank you Leilani for your friendship and care.

Patty Trammell - June 26, 2012 at 01:30 PM

RP

“ *Patty and family,
Enjoyed our times at Bonaparte when we were kids. Had a great
time hanging out with Larry and Lonnie. The memories of those
times will last forever. I take our kids and grandkids to Bonaparte
every chance we get. Prayers and thoughts are with you at this
difficult time.
Rich Poole, youngest of George and Fran*

Richard Poole - June 08, 2012 at 10:08 AM



*I am so glad you and your family are still enjoying Bonaparte. It is such
families like yours that made our years so special too.....thank you.*

Patty Trammell - June 26, 2012 at 01:33 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lonnie Trammell - June 07, 2012 at 07:45 PM



One of my special pictures too. Thank you honey for adding this one!

Patty Trammell - June 26, 2012 at 01:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Neil Ben Trammell.*



June 06, 2012 at 01:04 PM



“ *Jo Ann Trammell lit a candle in memory of Neil Ben Trammell*



Jo Ann Trammell - June 05, 2012 at 07:26 PM



Thank you sweet daughter.

Patty Trammell - June 26, 2012 at 01:37 PM

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Lonnie Trammell - June 05, 2012 at 01:21 AM

KE

Lonnie,

Wonderful boyhood memories of a special family living at Bonaparte Lake while I worked on staff at the Bonaparte Lake Scout Camp in the late 60's and early 70's. You and Larry must treasure those years at the Lake more than anyone could possibly know! And then our time together with the Forest Service in 74 & 75; a very special time in my life, one I hold very dear to my heart to this day.

My sincere condolences to you and your family on the passing of your father. It is my hope that all of the wonderful memories you have of him will see you through this difficult time.

Sincerely,

*Kevin Erwert
E. Wenatchee, WA*

Kevin Erwert - June 07, 2012 at 08:31 PM



Thank you Kevin -- much appreciated. Patty and family

Patty Trammell - June 26, 2012 at 01:41 PM