

Elmer L. Hitt

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Elmer L. Hitt, Milton-Freewater, Ore. died March 5, at the Blue Mountain Medical and Rehabilitation Center in College Place, Wash. at the age of 84. Memorial services were held Thursday, March 12 at 11 a.m. at the Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home Chapel in Milton-Freewater, Ore. with the Reverend Terry Hackney officiating. Inurnment was in the Wheatland Cemetery, Wyo.

Hitt was born November, 14, 1913 in Spadra, Calif. the son of Marian E. and Luella M. (Pickens) Hitt. His family later moved to Highway Center, Wyo. where he attended high school. In high school he played basketball and often played ball with Delbert Howe. Delbert and Shirley Howe have been lifelong friends and now live in Milton-Freewater. Hitt worked for the Wyoming State Highway Department as an equipment operator and highway engineer and retired after 27 years of service.

He and his brother Don also did carpenter and construction work. He was an active 'handyman' and kept his house and yard in tip-top condition. Hitt was not afraid to tackle any job from building a garage to fixing a light.

He was very active and included a two mile walk as part of his daily routine. He liked to travel and loved to dance, attending various dances in the area throughout the years, often in spite of aggravating health problems. "If I die, I hope it is on the dance floor," he often said.

Hitt and his first wife Velma had no children. On October 31, 1982 he married Helen Sharer Woodhouse and moved to Milton-Freewater. Mrs. Hitt preceded him in death in 1990.

Hitt is survived by three step-sons, Jerry Woodhouse of Auburn, Wash., Randy and Roger Woodhouse, both of Cheyenne, Wyo.; a step daughter, Pat Grant of Manchester, N. H.; two sisters, Florence Jenkins of Wheatland, Wyo., Gladys Atherly of Beaumont, Calif.; s brother, Don Hitt of Wheatland, Wyo., and a dear friend, Martha Kessler of Milton-Freewater, Ore.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister Frances and a brother Floyd.