



## Bill Learn

June 9, 1937 - September 4, 2017

William "Bill" Learn Sr.

Bill Learn Sr. a resident of Blodgett, Oregon passed away on September 4th, 2017 of natural causes.

Bill is survived by his sisters Bertie Dayton of Roseburg Oregon, Anita Nevil, and, brother Gene Learn of Pennsylvania, daughters Pam Perini of Springfield, Oregon, Denise Manassa of Pensacola, Florida and son and daughter in law Bill and Cheryl Learn Jr. of Blodgett, Oregon. Survived also by grandchildren Zac Perini, BreAnna Manassa, Jazmine Lynn, Geoffrey Learn, KaReena Manassa and Caleb Manassa, great grandchildren Adriahna Perini, Zachary Perini and Noah Perini. Bill was preceded in death by parents Earl and Naomi Learn of Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania and granddaughter Adie Perini of Drain, Oregon.

Bill was born on June 9th 1937 to Naomi and Earl Learn in East Stroudsburg Pennsylvania. Bill graduated from Stroudsburg High in 1956 and joined the Marines on September of that same year. Bill served as an aircraft electrician until 1960 and then as a reservist for the next 10 years. Bill returned to Stroudsburg to work at the local A&P and the roller skating rink. During this time he also had a local bread route where he is still remembered today by some of his customers. Bill found his way to California in the mid-1960s where he spent the next few years managing a Chicken Delight restaurant and working for the Postal Service. Bill moved to Rice Hill, Oregon in 1971 where

he worked on the family ranch while attending Umpqua Community College earning his degree in Horticulture. Bill moved to Reno, Nevada in 1982 to pursue a career with the University of Nevada, Reno in the Agriculture Department. Bill worked at UNR for 15 years running the sheep, cattle and hog units while also managing the production of various crops. Upon his retirement Bill returned to Oregon to live with his son Bill Jr. and his family in Blodgett, Oregon.

Bill was an avid rancher and baseball fan spending much of his life outdoors with livestock and watching and coaching baseball. He became a member of Fitness Over Fifty where he built lifelong friendships.

Memorial services will be held at the Blodgett Community Church on Saturday September 9th at 10:00am with pie and refreshments after. Graveside services will be held at Applegate Pioneer Cemetery in Yoncalla, Oregon at 2:00pm on September 9th.

Please share your thought and memories for the family at [www.demossturda.com](http://www.demossturda.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Applegate Pioneer Cemetery

Off Douglas Street, turn on Elm  
Yoncalla, OR 97499

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 9. 10:00 AM (PT)

Blodgett Community Church  
21160 Old Blodgett Rd,  
Boldgett, OR 97326

## Graveside

SEP 9. 2:30 PM (PT)

Applegate Pioneer Cemetery  
Off Douglas Street, turn on Elm  
Yoncalla, OR 97499

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Bill's family: Very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Thinking of you and wishing you moments of peace and comfort as you remember Bill. He was such a kind, amazing man. He was always smiling and had a positive outlook on everything. He will be missed!



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**Nikki** - September 13, 2017 at 09:06 PM

VA

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Bill and my Husband, Dick Anglemyer were Friends during High School. We kept in touch with him throughout the years. We visited him one time when He was Caretaker of the Estate in Oregon. I'm very glad you put the obituary in the Pocono Record. May your memories help you through this sad time. Virginia "Cookie" Anglemyer

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**Virginia Anglemyer** - September 13, 2017 at 03:26 PM

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“ We will miss the many lively conversations we had with Bill over the jigsaw puzzles at FOF. Whether it was baseball (how were those Mariners doing; would Ichiro finish his career back at Safeco), the merits of various sheep breeds, how to get the best tomatoes out of a deck planter, weather, or politics.  
Bill had a great smile for everyone. He will be missed.  
Paul & Mary Roberts

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**Mary Roberts** - September 06, 2017 at 11:37 PM