



Robert Lewis French

July 25, 1948 - December 7, 2025

Robert Lewis French passed away at the Oregon Veterans Home on December 7th, 2025 at the age of 77. He was born on July 25th, 1948 in Toppenish, WA. Bob was the son of the late Donneth and Abel French. Growing up, he was a proud member of the Yakama Nation Tribe. He was also a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. After returning home from the military, Bob attended classes at Central Washington State University where he earned a Paramedic Degree. Back in the late 1970's the Yakama Tribe hired Bob to help set up the White Swan Indian Ambulance Service. He was later named Yakama Nation Supervisor of the Year. In the early 1980's, Bob moved to Portland where he met his "life partner", Brian. They were both avid Mariner and Seahawks fans and enjoyed all the times with their pets, family, and friends. Bob continued, over the years, to work in the medical field and retired as a Plasma Center Director in Salem Oregon. He is survived by Brian, his brother Abel French, sisters Peggy Lamebull, Hazel Celestine and Joyce Hemmerling. His brothers Richard French, David French

and sister Helen French (previously deceased.) Also Bob is survived by his many in-laws, nieces and nephews, he loved the all. Robert was a very happy, caring person, he will be truly missed and remembered always.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2025, from 1-4 PM at Colonial Funeral Home in Toppenish. On Friday, December 12, 2025, a graveside service will take place at Zillah City Cemetery at 10:00 AM.

Cemetery Details

Zillah City Cemetery

1st Avenue
Zillah, WA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S Alder St
Toppenish, WA 98948-1622
(509) 865-3222

Graveside Service

DEC 12. 10:00 AM (PT)

Zillah City Cemetery
1st Avenue
Zillah, WA

Tribute Wall

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“ I have not seen my cousin Bob in ages. I remember him and my late Mother Adrienne (Spencer) Jensen working at White Swan Ambulance after it first started back in the 80's. I am sad to see he passed but I wish him a good journey. My condolences to my relatives on the loss of Bob.



Shay-Anne Spencer - December 10, 2025 at 10:55 AM

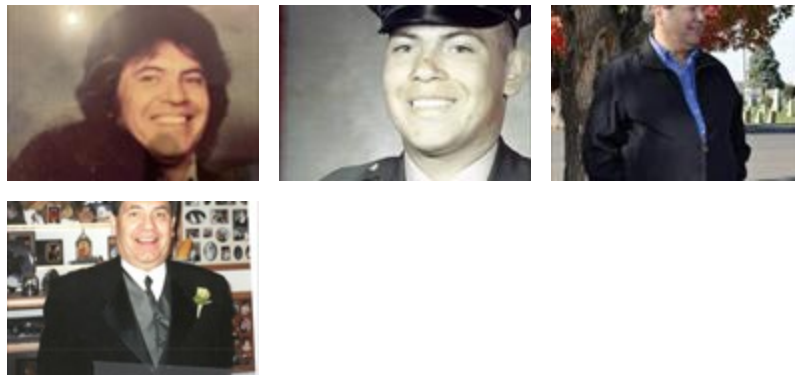
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Bob was one of the most interesting & kind neighbors we've ever had. We enjoyed talking about our lives in Yakama Valley. It was our pleasure being your neighbor. Much love, dear friend....from Donna & Scott Barnett

Donna Keeth Barnett - December 12, 2025 at 03:09 AM

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Abel French - December 09, 2025 at 10:28 PM

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“ I will miss ya uncle bob we picked zucchini in the fields. And took me riding around. Go visit grandpa & grandma. Ur ind of a kindness uncle. Went to serval restraints to eat lunch I and Darryl. Would always go visit you in ellensburg. Wa. Thank you uncle of kindness of hearts u was a caring uncle. Love ya always ur niece Angie. And my daughters Grace & sakti & Jessie. And my 5 grandkids. Mary & Lucifer & Damien & giannio Darryl & Esau ,, may you rest in peace uncle bob

Angela celestine saldans. niece - December 09, 2025 at 07:56 PM

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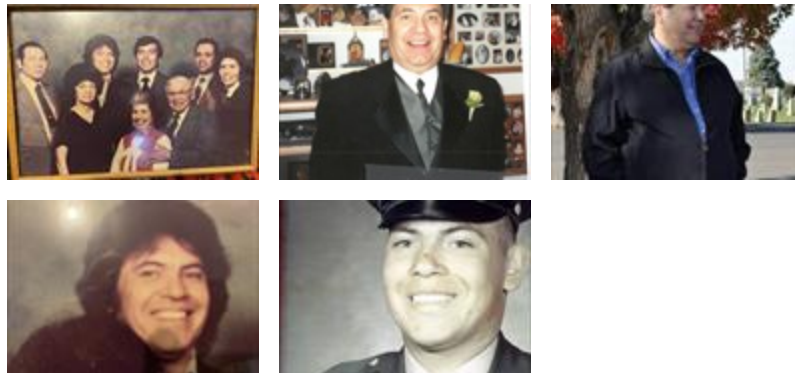
“ Robert was always so nice and kind to everyone. Super sweet guy. RIP❤️🙏🙏🙏



Becky (Kerby) Godfrey - December 09, 2025 at 07:45 PM

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Abel French - December 09, 2025 at 07:37 PM