



Robert Lee Halvorson Sr.

April 26, 1928 - March 19, 2024

Obituary for Robert L. Halvorson, Sr.

Robert Lee Halvorson Sr passed away on March 19, 2024, at Emerald Care in Wapato, WA at the age of 95.

Robert was born on April 26, 1928, in Yakima, WA to Otto Rudolf and Iva Walker Halvorson. He graduated from Toppenish High School in 1946. After working for two years, he traveled to Pullman to attend Washington State College (University now) where he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and Air Force ROTC. He graduated in 1952 with a bachelor's in business administration- Accounting and remained a proud supporter of the University and its sports teams.

With his accounting education and participation in the Air Force ROTC while attending WSC (Why walk to war when you can fly?), Bob was assigned to the Air Force Audit Agency and posted at George Air Force Base in California. Here he developed his love of airplanes and the LA Rams football team. In 1954, he returned to Toppenish and began farming with his father and brother, Ronald on McKinley Road.

Bob always liked a good challenge and farming definitely was that. He was dedicated to being a good steward to the land while growing his business and providing for his family. Late into his 80s though he decided it was time to slow down and resigned to only half days on Saturdays. It was not until the age of 91 though, that he finally stopped coming to work on a daily basis and only

then because a stroke forced him to miss several weeks.

On December 14, 1957, he married LueElla Bray of Zillah WA. They were married for 66 years at the time of his passing. When he was not on a tractor or wrangling animals, Bob enjoyed spending time at the beach with his family, especially Ocean Shores. Bob was an active member of the Toppenish United Methodist Church for many years. Additionally, he belonged to and supported community organizations in Toppenish and the Yakima Valley. This included the Toppenish Museum foundation, Toppenish Historical Society and being a member of the Masonic Lodge in Toppenish. Over the years, he served as a board member of numerous agricultural commissions and committees. Bob was a true and loyal friend to many, a man of faith and a loving husband, father, brother, son, and grandfather. He will be missed by all who knew him. He is preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Iva, his brothers Raymond and Ronald as well many beloved family members. He is survived by his loving wife LueElla of Toppenish, his daughter Karen (Craig)Johnson, son Robert Jr., four amazing grandchildren: Erik, Lexi and Jax Halvorson and Sara Johnson, his sister-in-law, Betty Wilkie, a couple of special cousins and numerous nieces and nephews.

The viewing will be on Thursday, March 28, 2024, from 12 –4 pm at Colonial Funeral Home, 228 S. Alder Street in Toppenish, WA. A celebration of his life will be on Friday, March 29, 2024, beginning at 11:00 am at Colonial Funeral Home with burial to follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Toppenish.

The family would like to thank the staff at Emerald Care in Wapato for all the love Dad received during his time with them. We would also like to thank those who were part of his life all these years.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Elmwood Road
Toppenish, WA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Funeral Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Halvorson Sr..*



March 28, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ *Jordan Torres and G.S Long Co. purchased the Divine Light for the family of Robert Lee Halvorson Sr..*



Jordan Torres and G.S Long Co. - March 27, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Lee Halvorson Sr..*



March 26, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to learn of Uncle Bobs passing. I have many fond memories of both aunt LueElla and uncle Bob. Best wishes and sympathy to all the family, my heart is with you.*

Andy Kendall-Bray - March 26, 2024 at 02:42 PM

AK

“ Andy and Carla Kendall-Bray purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Robert Lee Halvorson Sr..



Andy and Carla Kendall-Bray - March 26, 2024 at 02:38 PM

AK

“ Andy and Carla Kendall-Bray planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Lee Halvorson Sr..

Andy and Carla Kendall-Bray - March 26, 2024 at 02:38 PM

RF

“ Deepest condolences to all of the family. The Halvorson's (Ron & Bob) were such a significant part of our father and brother's (Conrad, Sr. & Jr.) lives as they worked with them for decades! May Mr. Halvorson rest in peace.



Ramona Flores - March 25, 2024 at 01:53 AM



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“ Susie Tynan lit a candle in memory of Robert Lee Halvorson Sr.



Susie Tynan - March 22, 2024 at 03:47 PM

RJ

“ So sorry to see Bob has left us here.
But know he is being greeted by his parents,
siblings, neighbors, friends, and farmers that
he missed.

Give my Grandmother, Mom, and my brother
a hug for me!

The Halverson families have been a part of our lives for decades.

The grandparents on LaRue, always had a smile, a hug, and a treat.

Part of our community. Respected. Loved.

This generation left behind, our condolences to you.

Be good to all, as these were. The Halverson's had hearts of gold.

Rent our lands, share the crops, was our extended family.

Bob, you worked hard, you rest in Paradise.

Prayers to all.



Regina Jerry - March 22, 2024 at 10:05 AM