



Neil Davis

August 9, 1925 - November 10, 2013

Neil (Richard) Davis, native of Bend, was born August 9, 1925 at Bessie Butte logging camp, between Bend and Sunriver, to Delmar and Blanche (Larkin) Davis. He died at his ranch on November 10, 2013. Neil grew up on farms and ranches in Central Oregon, graduated from Redmond High School in 1943 where he was the senior class president. Neil married Mary Ellyn Putnam, of Tumalo, in 1946 and they were happily married for over 65 years. She preceded him in death in 2012. Neil served in the US Navy during WWII and following the war he returned to Central Oregon to farm and ranch. Neil and Mary owned and operated a successful insulation business for 52 years in Bend with the help of his two sons, and at one time had over 20 employees. But his passion was always ranching and raising cattle. Neil and Mary also owned and operated Sno-Vu Shorthorns and in 1991 were given the Builders of the Breed award. Neil was a man who served his community in many ways; Tumalo School Board chairman, active in 4-H leadership including annually purchasing animals at the 4-H/FFA livestock auction, He was a director of Deschutes County Fair Association, President of Deschutes County Fair Board, President of Oregon State Fairs Board, Grand Marshall of Deschutes County Fair, and for many years Arena Director at Deschutes County Fair Rodeo. He spent several years on the Central Oregon Irrigation District Board, and was a long time member of Lions, Masons, Elks and Skyline Trail Riders where he was a Past President. Neil is survived by his three children, Gary (Cheryl) Davis of Bend, Ken Davis of Bend, Laurie (Larry) Graves of

LaGrande, 2 granddaughters, 2 great grandchildren and his sister Ruth Beesley of Redmond. Neil was a cowboy at heart, a team roper and President of the Rim Rock Riders. He was also a very good cribbage player, but most of all he was a kind, caring and patient Husband, Dad, Grandfather and Great Grandfather with a great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and community. A memorial service for Neil will be Saturday, November 23 at 1:00 PM at Niswonger-Reynolds Chapel, 105 NW Irving Ave. Bend. A Celebration of Life reception will follow at the Bend Golf Club. The family suggests that those who wish may make memorial contributions to 4-H Programs 3893 SW Airport Way, Redmond, OR 97756.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

Tribute Wall

PB

“ Neil is greatly missed on Tuesday lunches at the Sr. Center. He loved his hugs and laughs with all of our stories we shared. I think dessert was his favorite part of the meal! Im sure he is very happy with Mary now, as he missed her greatly. We all send our prayers condolences for the entire family Neil was very special to all that knew him. Sincerely, Peggy Barnett

Peggy Barnett - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ We r sorry to hear of the passing of your father, Gary, and wish you peace at this time of sorrow. Darryl and Pat Doser Bend

Darryl and Pat Doser - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I would like to express my condolences to Gary, Cheryl, and Ken. I know he will be missed. I had not heard of the passing of Mary and remembering her is special to me. It always brings a smile to my face when I think of all of you. I will reach out to all of you on my next visit to Bend Best of everything, Randy Slate

Randy Slate - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *The Albers family would like to share their love and support of the loss of a man who was very close to our family. Neil was a great man, a huge supporter, and a large inspiration in the kids lives. We considered the whole Davis family apart of ours and always felt welcome with theirs. He will be very missed, heaven gained a great cattlemen and took a very important man in our lives. As Megan says, Neils with Mary now, I can picture it now, hes standing with the love of his life in the field of the cattle he loves. We cant help but be sad hes gone, but we must be happy that hes with Mary and all their pains are gone. Neil touched our family, and is very missed. Gone but never forgotten. We are all so thankful to be able to call Neil a friend, but not just a friend, family. With Love, The Albers Family.*

The Albers Family - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Lion Neil Davis lived our motto We Serve Lion Don boller*

Don Boller - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *sorry for your loss, he will be forever in your heart*

ed & linda morrison - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Neil was an everyday visitor at our company. He was as familiar as the artwork on our walls. Over the years, Neils smile and bright personality would reinforce the good in the world; a terrific individual.*

Jim Boss - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We would like to express our condolences to Gary and Cheryl. We know he will be missed.

Ashforth Family - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ We are saddened to hear of Neils passing. Our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time. Neil was a good man and he will be greatly missed. With deepest sympathy, Kirby Nagelhout Construction Co.

Kirby Nagelhout Construction Co. - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Neil was always a joy to visit with as I helped him out with his beloved dogs. He is missed.

Susan Maasch, DVM - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ So sorry for your loss

Clara and Dean Cannon - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I was very sad to hear of Neals passing. He was an excellent stockman, who always watched out for the animals under his care. I always appreciated his thoughtfulness and competence when working with him on his animals. I can remember working together with him calving cows in the dark and cold on several occasions. He was a standout supporter of the county fair, production livestock and the 4-H youth programs. He will be missed by all that knew him.
Steve Pappa D.V.M

Dr. Steve Pappa - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ We wish to share our sorrow for the loss of Neil Davis with his family. The Davis family have been a part of our lives for many years, and we found Neil to be the most giving and generous person of the highest of standards. He was respected for his honesty and fairness, in his business and his personal life. We will truly miss his presence and goodness. Love, Ted and Donna

Ted and Donna Moan - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM