

## Obituary



**Born:** Saturday, May 18, 1935

**Died:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Charlie Hoeft passed into heaven Tuesday, August 21, 2018 in Tucson, AZ. A loving husband and father he was always there supporting his wife and children in all their endeavors. He enjoyed camping and cooking on an open fire, traveling throughout much of the west, helping and celebrating with family and friends and helping with Southern Arizona veterans. A farmer all his life he kept a garden green even in the desert. Charlie had a ready smile and he knew "no strangers"; he treated everyone like family. Growing up in George Canyon outside of Pilot Rock, Oregon Charlie was raised a farmer where in his lifetime he raised wheat, barley, alfalfa, cattle, sheep, hogs, chickens (selling eggs), operated a dairy (sold milk, cream and butter) and worked with row crops at the Oregon State University ARS Experiment Station in Hermiston. His final outside work was at Arizona's Kartchner Caverns where he was known as "Gramps".

Charlie was active in the Cattlemans, Farm Bureau, 4-H, Scouts, the Umatilla County Fair as volunteer, barn superintendent, board member and manager. Charlie served 18 years in the Oregon National Guard in Pendleton from which he was honorably discharged at the rank of 1st Sergeant. Charlie will be greatly missed. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Laquitta (Kit) Gladney Hoeft; children Debra Nordheim (John), Charlotte Portouw (Larry), Mike Hoeft (Karen) and Aaron Hoeft (Jaci); 8 grandchildren Carla Nordheim Thorson (Jonathan), Jeffrey Portouw (Yeenkie), Mindy Nordheim Puller (Sam), Laura Portouw Rowan (Kyle), Cody Nordheim (Ingrid), Logan Hoeft (Crystal), Michaela Nordheim, Connor Hoeft; 4 great-grandchildren Charlie Thorson, Andrenna Puller, Garrent Thorson, Tell Puller; siblings, Robert Hoeft, Frank Hoeft (Jeannie), Susan Brown (Jim) and Nancy Hoeft. He is preceded in death by his parents Edward and Doris Hoeft, brother Ron Hoeft and sister Barbara Daniels (Dick).

Interment will be at Ski View Memorial Park, Saturday, September 8, 2018, at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers the family ask that donations be made to a veterans' group of the givers choice. Born: May 18, 1935, George Canyon, Pendleton Oregon Died: August 21, 2018, Tucson, Arizona Parents: Robert Edward Hoeft and Doris Ellen Straughan Hoeft Family: Oldest of 7 children: Siblings: Ronald Hoeft (deceased), Robert Hoeft, Franklin Hoeft (Jeannie), Barbara Daniels (deceased) (Mrs. Richard Daniels), Susan Brown (Mr. Jim Brown) and Nancy Hoeft Married Laquitta Beauton Gladney, July 3, 1954, George Canyon outside of Pilot Rock Oregon Married to Laquitta 66 years: farmed, traveled, 4 children Graduated from Pendleton High School: 1954 Children: Debra Kit Hoeft Nordheim (John Prescott Nordheim) Charlotte Lee Hoeft Portouw (Lawrence John Portouw) Bret Michael Hoeft (Karen Reynolds) Aaron

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## Service Summary

### Graveside Service

2:00 PM Sat Sep 08, 2018

### Skyview Memorial Park

70116 HWY 395 South  
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

Charles Hoeft (Jaci Roach) Grandchildren: Carla Elizabeth Nordheim Thorson (Jonathan William Thorson) Jeffrey Ryan Portouw (Yeenkie Portouw) Mindy Ann Nordheim Puller (Samuel Puller) Laura Ashley Portouw Rowan (Kyle Rowan) Cody John Nordheim (Ingrid Marie Bisenius Nordheim) Logan Aarpm Hoeft (Crystal Hal) Michaela Kit Nordheim Connor Jackson Hoeft Great Grandchildren: Charles William Thorson Andrenna Kit Puller Garrett Cody Thorson Tell Bowen Puller Work: Father & Husband Farmer: wheat, barley, alfalfa, cattle, hogs, sheep, dairy (sold Grad A raw milk, cream and butter) chickens (sold eggs) Managed Hillside Machinery Oregon State Research Station, Hermiston, OR State of Arizona Kartchner Caverns State Park 18 years in the Oregon National Guard and Army Reserves Umatilla County Farm Bureau, Umatilla County Cattleman Supported children in all their sports, scouts, school activities and 4-H projects Was very active in each children's High School Senior Banquets/show graduation celebrations where he dressed up and performed twice as a "Belly Dancer", a "Whistling Belly Button, and as Tom Sawyer as MC for the show. Umatilla County Fair Volunteer, barn superintendent, Board Member and finally as Manager of the fair and fair grounds Scout Leader, was himself an Explorer Scout with the rank of "Life" Pendleton Round-up volunteer Enjoyed Bridge playing Preceded in Death by his parents and brother Ronald Hoeft and sister Barbara Danials