

Johnny Grabill, 87**May 20, 1928 - March 22, 2016**

HILLSBORO, OR — Johnny Paul Grabill was born in Harlan on May 20, 1928 to parents Gale and Martha (Ericksen) Grabill. He was the oldest brother to Charles, Ladonna, and Donald. Johnny grew up on a large farm and did a lot of hard work from a very young age. They raised livestock and grew oats, soybeans, and corn. He graduated from Harlan High School.

Johnny married Marilyn Adams in 1948. The two met when they were both country school students. The two were blessed with a son, Randy, in 1951. They remained in Iowa until 1974 upon which time they relocated to Oregon where they settled in Hillsboro. The farm in Iowa was later sold. Johnny went to work for the Hillsboro school district as a maintenance man and Marilyn worked for the school district as well. After five years working for the school district, Johnny started his own all-around handyman business which he operated until his retirement at age 65.

Following retirement, Johnny and Marilyn enjoyed many motorhome excursions together. The two returned to Harlan to reconnect with family and friends and visited many special destinations including Alaska and Nevada. The two gave up motorhoming in 2007 and Johnny kept busy tinkering around the house and working on various projects.

Johnny will be remembered as a man who loved his family and he was a wonderful, encouraging spirit. It has been said that he loved to be around other people. He had no problem striking up a conversation with someone he had never met before and he enjoyed open discussions with anyone. His favorite pastime was going to garage sales and discovering special treasures. Johnny Paul Grabill died March 22, 2016 at age 87.

Johnny is predeceased by his parents, Gale and Martha Grabill, and his brother, Donald. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Marilyn; son, Randy (Jo) of Hillsboro; brother, Charles (Twyla) of Harlan; sister, Ladonna Noble (Jack) of Orlando, FL; and sister-in-law, Bonnie Grabill of Harlan; and his loving doggie companion, Rudy.

Johnny was a loving son, brother, husband, father, and friend and he will be missed by those who knew him. Remembrances in lieu of flowers may be made to the charitable organization of your choice. Arrangements under the direction of Skyline Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, Portland, OR.