

John Ambrosio Virgil

January 27, 1933 - January 20, 2022

John Ambrosio Virgil of Pendleton (formerly of Hermiston) was born Jan. 27, 1933, in Sterling, Colorado, the son of Louis and Mary (Sandoval) Virgil. He passed away in Pendleton on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at the age of 88 years.



John grew up and attended schools and graduated from high school in Sidney, Nebraska. He joined the National Guard after high school where he obtained the rank of corporal and served for several years. In 1968, he moved to Hermiston, Oregon, where he lived for over 40 years. He resided in Eastern Oregon for the past 54 years, and the last six were in Pendleton.

John worked as a mechanic for Campbell's Motors in Hermiston for over 17 years. He later managed Leathers Oil Service Stations in Hermiston and Pendleton. After retiring, he missed being busy and took a job with ODOT where he worked in maintenance for several more years.

John enjoyed telling a good joke and playing bingo whenever the opportunity arose. He had a strong faith and belief in God and had read his Bible many times from cover to cover. He had a deep love of his family, especially his grandchildren.

John married Mary Herrera on Sept. 1, 1951, in Lyman, Nebraska. She preceded him in death on Oct. 15, 2015. He was also preceded in death by a son, Mike.

He is survived by four sons, Gary Virgil, Bruce Virgil, Gabe Virgil and Rodney Virgil; 13 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; and several brothers and sisters and extended family members.

A graveside service was held on at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, at the Hermiston Cemetery. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838, to help defray final costs.

To leave an online condolence for the family please go to www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.