

Frederick A. Casady

September 2, 1943 - September 9, 2022

Frederick A. Casady was born on Sept. 2, 1943, in Cumming, Iowa, and went home to the Lord on Sept. 9, 2022, at age 79 after a brief illness.

He was the youngest of three children and is survived by his sisters, Jean (Wasson) and Judy (Rinard); his eldest daughter Laura in Colorado and son Chris in



Idaho; ex-wife Linda in Oregon; grandchildren, Danielle, Brenda, Samantha, Josey, Evan and Erick; as well as great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family members and his best friend "Buzz" Seiffert.

Fred was preceded in death by his beloved Poo Dawg, his parents, James and Maxine Casady of Kalama, Washington, and daughter Cynthia (Gibson).

Fred moved with his parents to the Pacific Northwest community of Kalama, Washington, in the winter of 1955, where his favorite pastime was fishing the spring and fall salmon runs on the Kalama and Columbia rivers.

He attended Kalama High School from 1957-1961 and Lower Columbia College from 1961-1963 where he focused on low voltage electronics. He was employed by the telephone company, which allowed exploration of various locations in Oregon. He, Linda, Laura and Chris settled in Enterprise in 1967.

Fred was an integral part of bringing microwave telecommunication to the county. He also strung the phone line for farmers and ranchers in the Crow Creek area and was significantly involved in the maintenance of the remote offices across the region.

Fred loved Wallowa County, its people, and many outdoor activities. He typically had a fishing rod and a rifle handy (it was hard to say when there'd be an opportunity to wet a line or go squirrel hunting) and he imparted his love of the wilderness and all it offered to his children and grandchildren.

Fred was very active in community service and was a member of Jaycee's, the Elks Lodge, and Wallowa County Rotary, holding leadership positions in both the Lodge and Rotary. Some of his accomplishments included installing the telephone line at Wallowa Lake Tram in 1970, the formation of a 4-H ski club, and numerous Rotary projects both in the county as well as abroad. He was well known and respected by those who knew him.

In his later years, he moved for a period back to Kalama, then to Gold Beach on the southern Oregon coast. He was able to once again freely fish the salmon runs whether on the river or offshore.

A Celebration of Life will be announced in the coming months.