



James Eric Whalen

July 27, 1935 - May 22, 2014

James Eric Whalen was born to Clifford and Ivone Whalen in The Dalles, Oregon on July 27, 1935. He went to be with his Lord and Savior, at 78, on May 22, 2014. Jim was raised on the family farm where he and his older brother, Larry, learned to work hard in their fruit orchards (he was especially proud of raising his prize-winning Duroc hogs).

Jim served his country in the United States Air Force and as a reservist from 1955-1963. He began an extensive 23 year law enforcement career in 1959 as an Oregon State Police Officer. During his time with the State Police he worked in the Fish and Game Division where he had memorable experiences that he reminisced about often. His administrative and leadership skills brought him to the position of Chief of Police in Arlington within five years. He was then hired to run the campus police department for the Oregon Health Sciences Center in Portland. From there he became an administrator for the Oregon Police Academy. Jim concluded this career with a nearly five year

term as Central Point's Chief of Police. His second longest career was with the Siskiyou County District Attorney's Office as a Family Support Officer.

Jim was an avid reader with a wide range of interests and he particularly enjoyed wood-working as a hobby. Many will remember Jim as a cross-carrier. He started a non-profit organization in 1990 as a platform to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. He carried large hand-made wooden crosses through several states within this nation and in the countries of Kenya and Brazil.

Jim is survived by his wife Jean, 6 children, 3 step-children, many

grandchildren and even great-grandchildren. His memorial service will be held at Horse Creek Community Church (28836 Highway 96) on Saturday, August 2nd at 11:00 am with a potluck following.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jean, With sympathy for the loss of your husband. Sincerely with prayer, Patricia Head Albers*

Patricia Albers - July 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM