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Charles Leighton Dinning, 76

Charles Leighton Dinning, 76, passed away at his home in Bonners Ferry, Idaho on June 24, 2004. Funeral



services were held Tuesday, June 29, 2004 in the United Methodist Church in Bonners Ferry, Idaho with internment in the Porthill Cemetery.

Leighton was born on June 11, 1928 in Rush, Colo. to Roland E. (Rod) and Mary (Walker) Dinning. He attended schools in Colorado, then moving to Idaho where he attended schools at Porthill and Bonners Ferry, graduating in the class of 1946 from Bonners Ferry High School.

On June 19, 1949 Leighton married Evelyn Huff in her parents' home in the Deer Park community near Bonners Ferry. Throughout his life, Leighton worked in the timber and mill industries which allowed him to support his family and farm at Porthill.

They moved to Bonners Ferry in 1968 where he continued working for WI Mill from which he retired from in 1993 as mill superintendent, with the respect and friendship of his fellow employees.

Leighton was a member of the United Methodist Church

in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Throughout his life, he loved time spent with his family and enjoyed hunting, fishing and traveling.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Dinning; three sons: Merle Dinning and wife Carole; Wally Dinning and wife Gerry; Neil Dinning and wife Patricia; daughter Nancy Venard and husband Bob, all of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; brothers: Gifford and wife Laura, Raymond and wife Carolyn, LaVern and wife Eunice, Kenneth and wife Donna, sister Mary Ula and Bob Schaller, sister-in-law Bobbie. Also surviving are grandchildren Jacob Venard and wife Trina, Leslie Mason and husband Geof, Jessica Owen and husband Dan, Andy Dinning, Tom Dinning, Tim Ridgley and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Irvin Dinning, son Allan, sister and brother-in-law Beulah and Lowell Lyle. The family suggests memorials be made to the Community Restorium or Hospice.