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Gilbert N. Johnston, 83

Gilbert N. Johnston, age 83, of Lewiston, ID passed away March 15, 2005 at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center in Lewiston.

Gilbert was born Oct. 1, 1921 in Farmington, WA. to Joseph N. (Bill) and Ada (Brown) Johnston. He graduated from Farmington High School in 1940, where he enjoyed sports and band.

After high school he went to work for the Potlatch Timber Company as a cat driver near Elk River, Idaho. That's where he met Irene Bennett. He entered the U.S. Army in November of 1942.

In April 1944, he married Irene and they made their home in Moscow. He went to work for the Spot Shop Cleaners after his discharge from the Army. He moved to Palouse, Wash., in 1951 to work for the Holsum Baking Company as a delivery man. While in Palouse, he was a volunteer fireman and a member of the Jr. Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion.

In 1964 he moved to Lewiston, where he worked for the Holsum Bakery. After the closing of the bakery, Gilbert worked for the State of Idaho road crew in 1978. His wife, Irene, passed away in 1980. He married Joan E. (Pickett) Kline in March 1994. She survives him at their home.

Other survivors are: three sons, Dean Johnston, Post Falls; Robert Johnston, Coeur d'Alene; Richard Johnston, Clarkston, Wash; two brothers, Clarence Johnston, Coeur d'Alene; Joe Johnston, Plummer; one sister, Edith St. Jon, Tekoa, Wash.; Seven grandchildren, Scott Johnston, Darci Allert, Charisse Czaja, Denise Taylor, David Johnston, Nicole and Jessie Johnston; great-grandchildren - Cameron and Kaitlyn Johnston, Shayna and Payton Allert, Tammy Johnston, Ashton and

Christopher Taylor, Ben, Sam and Jack Czaja; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Graveside services were held Monday, March 21, 2005 at 11 a.m. at the Moscow Cemetery. Visitation was Sunday, March 20 from noon to 3 p.m. at English Funeral Chapel in Coeur d'Alene.

Contributions may be made to: Children's Hospital Foundation P. O. Box 5471 MS CL-04 Seattle, WA 98105-0371 or the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children P. O. Box 2472 Spokane, WA 99210-2472