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Gabriel Oyarsabal, 93

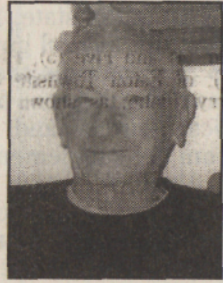
Gabriel Oyarsabal (93) died Sunday, May 22, 2005 at Boundary Community Hospital.

Services will be held at Bonners Ferry Funeral Home, Thursday, May 29, 2005 at 10 a.m.

Gabriel was born in Irissary, France, Nov. 9, 1911 to Dominique and Marguerite Oyarsabal.

He left France on July 4,

1929 to come to America to be with two of his sisters and a brother who came to America two years earlier. Gabriel herded sheep for 17 years between Elko, Nev. and Mountain Home, Idaho, for the Bruno Sheep Company.



He then worked on the railroad for nine months and ended up in San Francisco, Calif. There he became a landscape gardener and started his own gardening business. He married Pauline Sanchez of Puerto Rico and had four children, Janet, Marguerite, Judy and Frank. He was a member of the San Francisco Basque Club.

Gabriel's hobbies were hunting, fishing, and gardening.

In the 1972, Gabriel and his son Frank moved to Santa Rosa, Calif. He retired from his gardening business and gave his San Francisco based business to his three nephews.

One of which still runs the business today. He worked as a gardener for Sterling Vineyards in Calistoga, Calif. He then retired and raised his son and his sheep. In 1991 Gabriel moved to Cottonwood, Calif. with his son and daughter-in-law. He lived in Cottonwood until 2002 when he moved again with his son and daughter-in-law to Bonners Ferry.

Gabriel is survived by his older sister Teresa Smith of Reno, Nev.; his children Janet Rosario of Santa Rosa; Marguerite and husband Don Thompson of Mitchellville, M.D.; Judy and husband Roland Estaris of Cottonwood, Calif.; and Frank and wife Erica Oyarsabal of Naples; and His 15 grandchildren, Tina, Ricky, Whitney, Monique, Alicia, Deshawn, Donny, Luciano, Joshua, Gabriel, Isaiah, Autumn, Chandel, Destiny, and Cheyenne. And 9 great-grandchildren, Nicholette, Courtney, Doug, Ercillia, Donte, Shania, Luciano Jr., Cardwell, Shayna, and Rayonnah.