

Lester Rate, 77

Lester Rate, 77, passed away Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at his home in Bonners Ferry from cancer. Burial will be in East Helena, Mont.



Les was born Oct. 26, 1932, in Townsend, Mont.

He served in the Korean War and was a prisoner of war.

Les retired from UCSA in California in 1988.

He loved a good game of pinochle, horse races, rodeos and football Sunday. Les

also loved working with his hands, making things for his wife and children.

In his younger days, Les loved to turn a mean horse into a tame horse that children could ride. Les trained horses to bow, do tricks and

be in parades.

He also loved to hunt and fish.

Survivors include his wife Janet of Bonners Ferry; daughter Cindy Large and her husband, Ronnie, of Bonners Ferry; sons Lester

Rate and his wife, Bonnie, of Three Forks, Mont., and John Carl Rate and his wife, Cindy, of Spirit Lakes; brother Charles Rate and his wife, Norma, of Camp Verde, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

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