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**Obituary**

**John Van Etten**

John K. Van Etten, 65, died at his South Hill home in Bonners Ferry on January 24, 1997 after an extended illness. Services were held on Tuesday, January 26, in the Free Methodist Church in Bonners Ferry. A private burial took place in the Moravia Cemetery.

John was born on December 24, 1931 in Sandpoint, Idaho. He attended schools in Moravia and Bonners Ferry. While going to

school he worked cutting posts and Christmas Trees.

After his education he went to work for the feed store. In the early 50's he went to work at the Ellersick Mill. On June 25, 1954 he married Mary Copeland in Bonners Ferry. From 1961 to 1966 John worked at the feed store, for TomCo Lumber Company and helped Kelson Construction in removing the Odd Fellows Hall. In 1966 he

went to work for Pack River Lumber Mill and continue working at the mill under WI and Crown Pacific. He worked in the dry kiln, carrier driver and a stacker operator.

John retired on Nov. 24, 1995 and has resided in Bonners Ferry until his death.

John enjoyed the out of doors spending time fishing, gardening and cars. His greatest love was his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Mary at the family home in Bonners Ferry; children Mary Ann Tritt; Peggy Van Etten, John R. Van Etten; Connie Gentry; Paul Van Etten all of Bonners Ferry and Leassa Field of Germany; mother Myrtle Van Etten of Bonners Ferry; sister Nadine Krigbaum of Spokane, Washington; 13 grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

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