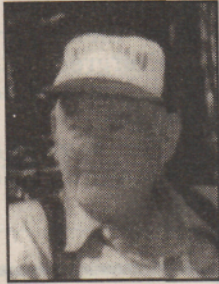


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## Willie Watkins, 71

Willie Watkins entered into eternal rest on May 20, 2005 at the Boundary County Hospital after a brief illness. Willie was 71. Funeral Services will be



held on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 11 a.m. in the Bonners Ferry Funeral Home in Bonners Ferry.

Willie was born August 6, 1933 in Coal County, Oklahoma to William Henry Watkins of Aurora, Missouri and Susie Mae Willis of Webb City, Missouri.

Willie attended school in Coal County, Oklahoma, in July of 1953 entered the service, while active Willie earned the

UN Service medal, the Korean Service Medal, and received an honorable discharge from the Army while serving in the Korean War.

Willie is survived by his wife, Myrna Watkins of Bonners Ferry, three children, Lillian Lott of Toppenish, Wash., Willie Lee Watkins of Gresham, Ore., Peggy Glossen and husband Joey of Prosser, Wash., two step sons, Wayne Carlson of Bonners Ferry, Richard Carlson and wife Nancy of Bonners Ferry, brothers Lonnie Watkins and wife Wilma of Porthill, Walter Watkins and wife Barbara of Weiser, Idaho, sixteen grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

Willie was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters, Ella Mae Eddings, Lillie Graham, Bertha Morrison. Goldie Roberts, one brother, Carl Watkins, and most recent

by a son in law, Thomas Lott, and step daughter in law, Linda Carlson

Willie followed construction most of his life, working on the construction of the Oroville Dam in California, and the Dworshak Dam in central Idaho. Willie was an accomplished equipment operator, working in logging and road construction until his retirement.

Hunting, fishing, camping, and gardening were Willie's primary joys. He lived for the long mountain drives and the anticipation of the next hungry trout to grab his bait. Willie especially enjoyed spending time with his family and neighborhood friends, with many of these times retelling the many and various stories of his life. Willie's grandchildren held a special place in his heart and a little teasing was always expected from grandpa.