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OBITUARIES

Robert Carroll Wells, 85



Robert Carroll Wells passed away on May 18, 2002 at the

Extended Care of the Community Hospital in Bonners Ferry. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, May 23, 1 p.m. in the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bonners Ferry, with Military Rites by American Legion Post #55 and burial following in the Grandview Cemetery.

Robert was born on Jan. 31, 1917 in Jonesboro, Ark. He completed his high school education in Piggott, Ark. Bob entered the U.S. Air force on Sept. 13, 1940 and was honorably discharged on Oct. 8, 1945.

On June 2, 1943 bob married Frances Jane Sheets in Indianapolis, Ind. and they had six children. Bob was a horse trainer and riding instructor with the American Saddle Bred in Indianapolis, Ind.

In 1959 he and his family moved to Springville, Calif. to pursue his love with horses, training and working with trotters and pacers, in harness racing.

In the late 1960's his wife, Frances was diagnosed with hereditary Cerebral Attcia, which would eventually take Frances, two daughters Sarah Dobson and Theresa Wells and one granddaughter Kelley Dobson.

After Frances's death in 1992 Bob moved to Bonners Ferry, that he liked to call god's Country, to be near his son John and Connie Wells, and the magnificent beauty of Boundary County.

Bob was a down home country boy who loved his dog's and horses and the simple things in life, but most importantly he was a true husband and father, standing by his family through all adversities and never loosing his sense of humor or his dedicated faith.

Survivors include on daughter Kathy Patton of Porterville, Cailf.; three sons: John wells of Bonners Ferry; Chris Wells and Brian Wells both of Porterville, Calif.