



Ellis Lehl Conn

June 2, 1939 - November 20, 2013

Ellis Lehl Conn was born June 2, 1939, in Deep River, Iowa, and passed away Nov. 20, 2013, at his home in Bellfountain.

In August 1952, his parents, Ellis and Verbal Conn, moved to Oregon, where Ellis Lehl started the seventh grade at Monroe Grade School. He graduated from Monroe High School in 1958, and from Oregon State University in 1973.

Lehl was a member of the Oregon National Guard from 1957 to 1962.

He married Betty Jean Horning, his freshman high school sweetheart, on April 26, 1961. They have lived in the Monroe and Bellfountain communities since then.

Ellis Lehl worked at Jones Veneer Plywood, Georgia-Pacific Plywood in Junction City and the Hull-Oakes Lumber Co. in Monroe. He sold real estate and insurance, and managed his properties. He was a reserve Benton County deputy. He was a member of the Toledo and Lebanon Elks lodges, the Albany Trap Club and the Pacific International Trap Association.

He loved playing pool and belonged to the Albany chapter of the Billiards Commission of America. He also played on teams in the Corvallis area.

Ellis Lehl is survived by his wife, Betty; two sons, Jody Lehl of Bellfountain and Joey Ellis Conn of Monroe; five granddaughters, Morgan, Leah, Kady and Jody Jeen of Junction City, and Kaylee Jean Conn of Monroe; and one grandson, Bradley Ellis Conn of Portland.

A viewing is set for 5 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, at McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis. A graveside service will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Bellfountain Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Monroe Volunteer Fire Department or the charity of your choice.