



## Gailen Leverett Adams

April 15, 1934 - December 1, 2015

Gailen was born April 15, 1934 in Hillsboro, Oregon. He passed away in McMinnville on December 1, 2015. Gailen was a resident of Otis. He was the son of R.L. and Leila Adams. He graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1953. Gailen served in the Army from 1956 to 1958 in the guided missile program where he was stationed at Orange County fairgrounds in Van Nuys, California. He married Stella Lee DeVries on September 14, 1962 in Tillamook. Gailen and Stella were married for 53 years.

Gailen is survived by: wife, Stella, son, Leroy of Madras, son, Gerald (Elsie) of Otis, Ida of McMinnville. Grandsons, Brent and Josh, granddaughters, Alyssa and Rachael. Also, brothers Lyle (Lorene) and Darrel (Lorena) and sister Vergene (Dave). He was preceded in death by his parents, R.L. and Leila Adams and also adopted daughter, Kristi.

For 28 years, Gailen and Stella took care of over 100 foster children. They were state & county certified. They usually had 3 children at a time. In 1985, they were featured as foster parents of the year. He was the owner and operator of Adams Excavating. He gave many hours of cat and backhoe time to neighbors and churches he attended. Gailen liked to fish and travel. He took his family to Alaska, Canada and many other exciting places. The family also took a one-month vacation in Europe.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 19th at 2 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church in Lincoln City.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Gailen lit a candle in memory of Gailen  
Leverett Adams* ”



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**Gailen** - December 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM