James W Wagner

June 23, 1934 - May 18, 2026

James Walter Wagner, 91 passed away on May 18, 2026, in Newport, Oregon.

James was born on June 23, 1934, in McMinnville, Oregon. He was the son of John Anthony and Mary (Pepper) Rebecca Wagner. James grew up in McMinnville and attended a local Catholic grade school before graduating from McMinnville High School. He went on to study engineering at Linfield University and the University of Portland.

James worked for the Farmers' Cooperative Creamery of McMinnville, Oregon, until 1973. He then continued his career with Risberg Trucking in Newport, where he remained until retiring in 1993.

James enjoyed firearms and appreciated the discipline and responsibility that came with that interest. He found great enjoyment in hunting and fishing. He often spent time at his brother-in-law's cabin, especially during the summertime, enjoying the lake and being surrounded by the outdoors.

James is survived by his wife, Dolores Wagner, whom he married in 1963. He was a father to Rebecca Rosman, and her husband, Robin, and John Wagner, and his wife, Bekki; grandchildren, McKayla Wagner, Gabbi Garrison, and Kourtnie Wagner; as well as great-grandchildren, Hazel and Bently Garrison.

A memorial gathering will be held at his home at a future date to be announced.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family C/O Bateman Funeral Home, 915 NE Yaquina Heights Dr. Newport OR 97365.