



## John E Whitesitt

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Eldon Whitesitt was born on January 15th, 1922, in Stevensville, MT and passes away at the age of 97 on May 24th, 2019 in Newport, OR.

He attended grade school and high school in Stevensville and then attended both the University of Montana in Missoula and Montana State University in Bozeman.

As a young adult, he served as a minister in four small Methodist churches in Western Montana and in Bozeman. He then went on to the University of Illinois where he received a Master's Degree and a Doctorate in Mathematics. During WWII, Eldon served as a smoke jumper in Montana, Idaho, and California. He then joined the faculty at Montana State where he was a Professor of Mathematics for the duration of his career. Eldon was a gifted teacher and published three college math text books.

In 1944, Eldon married his beloved wife Doris Mae Monroe, choosing Bozeman MT to live and raise their three children. He was the definition of kind and loving as a husband, father, and grandfather to the ones he deeply adored.

One of Eldon's great passions was singing, and he enjoyed a lifetime membership to the Bozeman Symphonic Choir. Other activities he was passionate about were hunting, fishing, and backpacking.

In 1985 Eldon and Doris retired to Newport OR where they were active members of the First Presbyterian Church, and he sang in the church choir until he was 95. Doris passed away in 1995; Eldon then married Charlyne Rutter, who passed away in 2007.

Eldon was preceded in death by his brothers Lee and Robert; his sister Joyce. He is survived by his brother David; his three children John, Ted, and Diane; nine grandchildren; twenty one great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held June 15 at 11:00AM at the First Presbyterian Church of Newport.