

Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery

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We are saddened by the loss of our special friend, **Fred Smith**, the man who started the organization of "**Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery**". He was selected to be the first president of the organization but he was much more. He contributed much time, money, and physical labor to make it all happen.



Frederick Noah Smith, age 98 passed away on September 20, 2020 in Vancouver, Washington. Fred was born on March 23, 1922 in Tekoa, Washington to Frederick and Ruby Smith and was one of 7 children. He spent his early years moving a fair bit, from Tekoa to Oregon and Wallace, Idaho to California. After graduating from high school in Modesto, California, Fred returned to Wallace and found a niche in the restaurant business, owning a small establishment called the Pepper Box.

Shortly after starting his restaurant, and in the height of World War 2, Fred enlisted in the Army Air Corps. With little warning, and even less training, he was thrust into the world of flight. This was the beginning of his very illustrious military career. Aside from his family, Fred's devotion was to the military and aviation. He served nearly 5 years with distinction, going from an 18-year-old restaurant owner in Wallace, to a distinguished military pilot. Fred retired as a decorated Captain, with countless successful missions, and was the master of nearly 30 different aircraft.

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Fred's WW2 story here: (May need to copy & paste in browser)

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Upon his retirement from the military, where he worked and he and his wife, Jean raised their family. His interest in aviation continued, and he enjoyed piloting in his free time. Fred's devotion to family and desire to learn more of his ancestry, led him to work tirelessly on his family genealogy. He compiled countless years of research and love into priceless information his family will cherish for a lifetime.

During his time researching and discovering his family's rich history, he was led back to his birthplace, and more specifically the Lone Pine Cemetery outside of Tekoa. In this overgrown, and ill-kempt cemetery rested his maternal grandparents – the Smileys. His grandfather had in fact donated the farmland where the cemetery now lies. Over the last decade, Fred took a vested interest in helping to restore the cemetery. He made several trips to the Tekoa to help (and oversee) with the clean-up and restoration efforts; including clearing overgrown vegetation, locating and mapping headstones, and adding much needed signage, all while still continuing to learn about his family and heritage. Fred's greatest wish was to help restore Lone Pine back to its original beauty and provide families a special place to honor their lost loved ones once again. Fred took great pride in the work he did with the "Friends of the Lone Pine Cemetery".

Fred was loved by many, and will be remembered for his zest for life and true devotion to family. He is survived by his children Terry and Greg, along with their spouses and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild

Fred's Parents were buried at Goldenrod Cemetery in Tekoa. His Maternal Grandparents are buried at Lone Pine Cemetery.

Reuben T. Smiley Lucinda Jane Sherrod Smiley



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Not much has happened at Lone Pine Cemetery in 2020, due to the Corona-Virus and the Weather.

Our scheduled work day for October 11 with the HOPE students from Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle was canceled due to lots of rain on that weekend. Also, the beginning of a Trust Fund has been postponed until probably 2021.

Work will continue on the cemetery however, by hiring the mowing to be done by Cooper's Landscaping of Tekoa, WA.

Work will be done by using donated funds so contributions are encouraged to help us keep the brush from taking over the cemetery again. All contributions are very much appreciated and remember we are now a 501c3 non-profit organization and all funds are tax deductible by contributors.

Please mail to: Friends of Lone Pine Cemetery

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Directions to Lone Pine Cemetery: From Tekoa take Highway 27 west to Fairbanks Rd, turn left on Sieveke Rd, drive one mile to cemetery on the right.
For GPS use Tekoa address: 1603 Sieveke Rd. (not a mailing address)

Ended with the coming of the railroad

