

**Emmet B. Herndon(1923 - 2018)**



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Emmet Boulton Herndon was born at the Stork's Nest in Tucson, Arizona, on June 5, 1923. He died at his home in Boise on Wednesday, April 25th. Emmet spent a few of his childhood summers in Tuba City, Arizona with his grandfather, who was a Presbyterian missionary to the Papago Indians. As a young man he earned scholarships to the prestigious all boys Webb High School in California and to Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

Prior to graduating from college, Emmet was commissioned to fly as a navigator in World War II. He trained for his missions at Gowen Field in Boise, Idaho, where he met the love of his life, Janet Fraser Davidson, at the Officer's Club on April Fool's Day in 1944. Emmet proposed prior to his duty overseas, and after surviving 35 combat missions, returned to marry his fiancée in January of 1945.

The couple moved into the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity house at Williams College so Emmet could complete his education. Following graduation, Emmet and Janet moved back to her hometown of Boise.

Emmet accepted a job offer from his father-in-law, Mowbray Davidson, owner of Peasley Transfer & Storage moving company. This marked the beginning of Emmet's 70-year career at Peasley Transfer & Storage, and his partnership with Janet for 72 years.

During Emmet's business career, he served on the Board of Directors for Allied Van Lines and the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association, and as President of the Idaho Movers & Warehouses Association. Emmet served as President of Peasley Transfer & Storage for 30 years and was awarded "Transportation Man of the Year" by Delta Nu Alpha in 1985.

In addition to his business accolades, Emmet took pride in serving his community. Emmet served as Boise Jaycees President in 1957. The Jaycees purchased land in the Boise foothills, and Peasley Transfer & Storage donated the truck to haul a cross up the seven-mile trek to the area known as Table Rock. Emmet also served as President of the Rotary Club and President of Capital City Kiwanis, the club that founded the Boise Greenbelt. Emmet was a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church, where he and Janet joyfully sang in the choir for 30 years.

Emmet placed tremendous value in family, community, and recreation. The Herndon family was very active at the Boise YMCA. Emmet competed in volleyball and handball, later winning the senior title of Idaho State handball champion. Emmet and Janet were Co-Founders of the Boise Racquet and Swim Club. They spent their lives surrounded by great friends, playing tennis and sharing all of life's beautiful moments on and off the tennis courts. They always held dear their health and their pursuit of recreation with their close group of friends. They continued their healthy lifestyle by maintaining an amazing garden, focusing on buying local, and bicycling instead of driving whenever the opportunity was available.

Emmet and Janet took pride in sharing their lives and passion for recreation with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They loved traveling, and they enjoyed many glorious trips with their children and grandchildren to Europe, the Caribbean, and Hawaii. They shared their love of fishing, hiking, snorkeling, cycling, sailing, and tennis with their family. These memories will always be held dear to their grandchildren.

Emmet and Janet supported Boise State University athletics for over 50 years. They were passionate fans, attending Boise State men's and women's events including football, basketball, volleyball, and tennis. They privately donated to upgrade the University's outdoor tennis courts at Julia Davis Park in order to support the goal of hosting the national collegiate tennis tournament, and they donated to support the Herndon Tennis Scholarship. Tennis Court #1 at Julia Davis Park is named in their honor.

Emmet and Janet were avid supporters of local sports teams including the Boise Hawks, Idaho Steelheads, and Idaho Stampede.

Truly, the joy of the Herndon-Davidson family was their cabin on Sheppard's Point of Wagon Wheel Bay in McCall, Idaho. A lifetime of memories was created there and will forever be held close in the hearts of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Emmet was preceded in death by his father, James Prugh Herndon, of Tucson, Arizona; mother Ellen Boulton Herndon of Caldwell, Idaho; wife Janet Davidson Herndon; and infant son Emmet Hunter Herndon. He is survived by: Sister Esther Louise Duncan of San Diego and two nephews, Stuart Duncan of Tucson, Arizona, and Donald Duncan of Sacramento, California.

Daughter and son-in-law Terri and Ron Imel of Boise, children David and Sybil Imel of Chandler, Arizona, and Kris Imel of Meridian, and three great-grandsons Shane, Cody, and Cole Elliott.

Son and daughter-in-law Fraser and Cindy Herndon of Albuquerque, New Mexico, children Dr. Bree Herndon and her husband, James Guzman, and Ian Herndon and his wife Maria and their daughter Lucia.

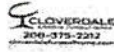
Daughter Kit Herndon and her children, Chad Randol and his wife Jessica Dee of Boise, and two great-granddaughters, Avery and Reese, and Brittany Randol of Simsbury, Connecticut, and great-grandsons Coletton and Bennett.

Daughter Anne Herndon and her husband Dr. Russ McKinley and their son Alex McKinley all of Boise, Idaho.

A Graveside Service will be held on Tuesday May 1, 2018, 11am at Morris Hill Cemetery. There will be a reception at the

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Herndon home following the service, 1818 N Laurel in Boise. Also a Celebration Social will be hosted by Boise Racquet & Swim Club on May 12, 2018 from 1-3 pm.



**Funeral Home**

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