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Donald "Buck" Biram passed away Monday, February 3, 2014, at the age of 91. He was born August 15, 1922, in Spokane, WA to Art and Bess Biram of Badger Mountain, WA. He was joined in 1929 by a sister, Pat, and in 1932 by his brother, Mike. They were a farming and ranching family, raising wheat and Hereford cattle. Buck was always a horseman, breaking his first colt at the age of nine and riding the 13 miles to attend Waterville High School, where he graduated in 1938. In 1957, the Biram's were awarded the Douglas County "Cattlemen Of The Year" Award. In 1962, Buck met and married the late Mikell Nelson, who had four young daughters, age three to six. They started ranching in Palisades, WA, just up the road from Art and Bess Biram. Two years later, their daughter, Stacey, was born and, in 1967, the family moved to Carlton, WA to farm Mikell's home place. Buck always missed "God's Country" and in 1989, after working eight years as foreman of the Lou Tice Ranch in the Methow Valley, he retired to Rock Island, WA, where he enjoyed chasing cattle on Badger Mountain with old friends and family. Buck will be remembered as a top rodeo hand, winning buckles and trophies in calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling and wild cow milking. He never stopped rodeoing and, in 1997, at the age of 75, he won the NW American Cowboy Team

Roping Association championship saddle.

Buck was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Pat (Dean) Landon of Waterville. He is survived by his brother, Mike (Jan) Biram of Palisades; his daughter, Stacey Biram of Waterville and her children, Bailey (Nolan) McMonagle and Taylor Northcott. He is also survived by his four stepdaughters, Mindy Miller, Becky (Dick) Fuller, Abbie (Craig) Lints and Julie "Jo" Miller, as well as their eight children and ten grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Maria and all the staff at Columbia View Terrace in East Wenatchee for taking such good care of "Mr. Buck" in his final years.

A Memorial will be held Saturday, February 8, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at the Appleatchee Riders Club House, 1130 Circle Street, Wenatchee, WA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bailey Northcott McMonagle Medical Fund at NCNBank or to Hospice of Wenatchee.