



Glenn Leonard Dobbins

October 7, 1925 - July 9, 2025

Glenn went to his eternal home to be with his Lord and Savior on July 9, 2025.

Born in Calhan, Colorado, in 1925 to Clarence and Verda Dobbins, his life encompassed many historical events that greatly influenced his life. Struggles were common in his early years as the effects of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl Era, and WWII caused many hardships. In 1935, his family left their farm with crops destroyed by winds and drifting soil. Glenn endured other hardships, including the loss of three siblings and a home destroyed by fire. These events tested and honed his faith and strengthened his desire to succeed. The family eventually moved to the Cheney area, where Glenn graduated from Cheney High School in 1943.

Following work on area farms, he married Flora Belle Leigh in 1946. They moved to Eugene, Oregon, to attend Northwest Christian College, where Glenn began studies to become a pastor. The desire to farm remained, and in 1948, they returned to the Cheney area. After years of working for other farmers and at other jobs, he fulfilled his dream of operating his “own” farm in 1957, where he resided for 68 years until his death. His desire to “grow” things included a family that welcomed four children. Steve, Ken, Karen, and Bryan were eventually joined by spouses Sue, Joyce, Edi, Cathy, and Carolyn. The family grew to include 8 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. All Glenn’s kids are grateful for instilling in them a love of God and His Word.

Glenn was active in many agricultural organizations and held many leadership positions. He was also active in several area churches, serving in various leadership roles. Glenn continued to farm, implementing new practices until 2011 when he became a full-time caregiver for Flora. He transitioned from farming to gardening and continued to garden even following the death of Flora in 2017, after 71 years of marriage. At the age of 98, Glenn was still working in his garden and processing his own produce. His generosity and desire to share with family, friends, and neighbors sometimes perhaps needed a warning... "Here comes Glenn with more beets!" Glenn's generosity was evident throughout his entire life as he gave freely to those in need.

A memorial service will be held on July 22 at 1:00 PM at Cheney Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Union Gospel Mission or Samaritan's Purse.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **22**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Cheney Funeral Chapel
1632 W 1st St.
Cheney, WA 99004
(509) 235-2992
<https://www.cheneyfuneral.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Glen and I worked together on soil and conservation projects on his farm when I was young Soil Conservationist. He was always helpful, generous, and very knowledgeable. I liked him immensely. He leaves a legacy of good stewardship. Rest in God's Peace, Glen. My heartfelt condolences to all those who now greave.*

Paul Dorning

Paul Dorning - July 27, 2025 at 02:01 PM

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“ *My condolences on the loss of your father who has gone to rejoin Flora Belle.*

Joan Mamanakis - July 18, 2025 at 07:15 PM