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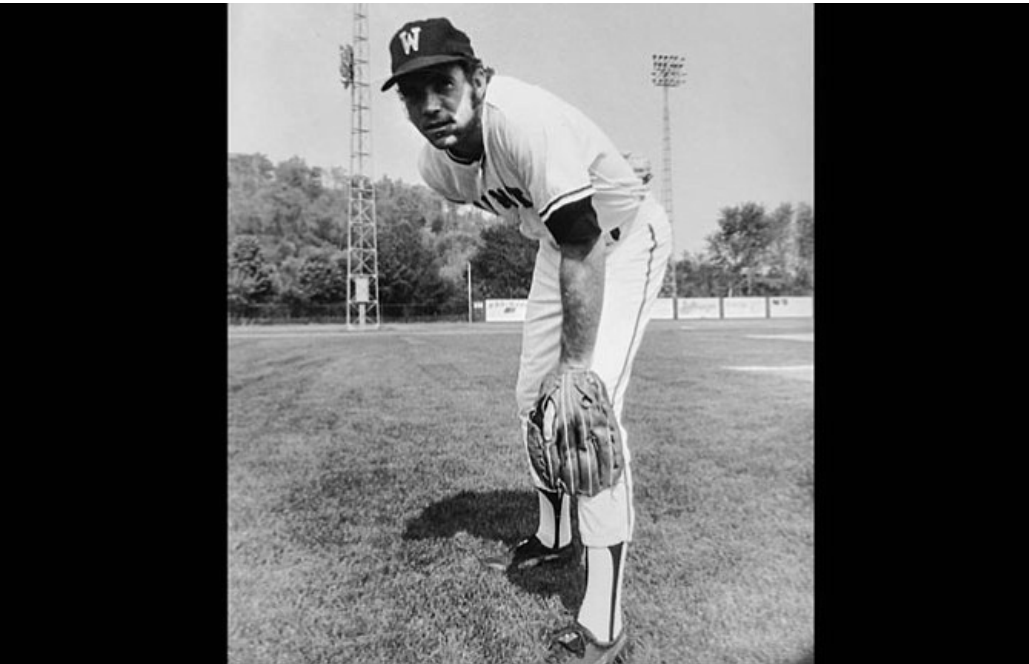
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Lanthorn passes away in Calif.

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EUGENE LANTHORN poses for a photo early in his high school career at Wy’East. Lanthorn passed away on June 13 in his home in Lewiston, California. Lanthorn was diagnosed with terminal cancer in March.

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Eugene Gerald Lanthorn lost his battle with cancer June 13, 2015 at his home in Lewiston, California after having been diagnosed with terminal cancer in March of this year.

Lanthorn spent the last months of his life with his wife Leila caring for him and surrounded by his family and friends at his lakefront home. He was 65.

Lanthorn was born in Hamilton, Montana, on December 30, 1949 to Gerald “Jerry” Lanthorn and Helen Hierath Lanthorn joining three older sisters Vivian (6), Cathie (8), and Dorothy (10).

His family moved to Oregon in 1957. Gene attended Sherman County High School and graduated from Wy’East in Hood River.

He became an accomplished horseman and excelled in sports, especially baseball and basketball, earning a full-ride scholarship to the University of Michigan.

Upon graduation, Lanthorn came back to Oregon when his father became ill and attended Western Oregon University (then Oregon College of Education) where he continued to excel in baseball setting several pitching records that stand today.

Eventually, he went on to get his master's degree in Education from Washington State University.

Lanthorn was drafted in 1972 by the San Francisco Giants of Major League Baseball.

He went on to play for many A, AA, and AAA minor league teams with several organizations, including the Portland Mavericks.

Lanthorn was married to Sibyl Barnes in 1976, with whom he raised two children.

In 1982, they moved to Silverton, where he would live until 1999.

Lanthorn worked on the family farm growing produce and Christmas trees, and helped coach the Chemeketa Community College baseball team to a Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges championship.

In 2000, he moved to Southern California where he worked for Big League Dreams at several of its locations, eventually managing the park in Redding where he met his wife Leila (Zanni).

The couple moved to Lewiston, California living on Lewiston Lake.

They became fixtures in their small community hosting veterans fishing tournaments and spending many days fishing on Lewiston Lake.

Lanthorn loved to hunt, fish, camp and spend time outdoors.

He is survived by his wife Leila of Lewiston, CA, and his two children: Jeremy Lanthorn, wife Kara, and grandchildren T'Sharra and Jacob of Grass Valley, Oregon; Sibyl Voelker, husband Tyler and grandson Malachi of Portland, Oregon; three sisters Dorothy Jackson, Cathie Martin, and Vivian McGonigal, stepson Casey Zanni, stepdaughter Jeanette Thomas; many nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog Brutus.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant grandson Curt Danger Lanthorn.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Wounded Warriors or sent to the family to help with expenses.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Grass Valley Pavilion in the state park.

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