

The Herb Jones Family

Ammetta Jones brought her five children to reside in Pasco in 1938. Herb was a small boy and his family remained in Pasco three years.

Years later Herb and Rindetta Jones returned to the Tri-Cities with their children, Sabrina and Herb Jr. They moved into Kennewick in the early sixties. Herb was employed while in the Tri-Cities by General Electric and Battelle Northwest Laboratories. As president of the local chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Herb was a community activist and leader. He has since left the area.

The Slaughters



John Slaughter

One hundred miles west of the Tri-Cities, in the early sixties, John and Mary Slaughter and their children were living just inside the Snoqualmie National Forest where John was employed as a highway engineer at the Naches Ranger Station. John continued to work for the National Forest Service in Seattle before coming to Kennewick as an Atomic Energy Commission employee.

The Slaughters leased a home in Kennewick on West 6th Ave. Their daughter, Johnetta and son, Gregory, attended Westgate Elementary School. Gregory was the first black graduate of Kamiakin High School; Johnetta graduated two years later.

The family was welcomed by many fair-minded citizens of Kennewick and experienced no problems of acceptance. John was a member of the Kennewick Jaycees and actively involved in their programs before leaving the area.

John and Mary returned to Kennewick several years ago and are still residents.