



**OTEC Director of Operations Don Jordan with his wife, Janet. Don died from a motorcycle accident May 13.**

## OTEC Mourns Loss of Director of Operations

It is with regret that OTEC announces the death of Don Jordan, director of operations. He was involved in a motorcycle accident May 13 in the Flagstaff Hill area a few miles outside Baker City.

Don was a member of the OTEC family for two years and was leading the way for some of OTEC's most important projects, including implementation of automated meter reading and smart metering.

Don accepted the position of manager of operations on September 21, 2009. Prior to that, he served as interim manager of operations since June 2009. Based on his impressive performance during that period, and his long and successful career in the electric utility industry, OTEC was pleased to have Don join the team on a permanent basis.

Don's experience spanned 34 years of serving utility customers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. In 1965, he joined Pacific Power and Light as a groundman in Corvallis. From there, he went to Albany, back to Corvallis, then to Madras, where he held the positions of general stores supervisor, district storekeeper and senior district estimator, respectively.

He then spent a few years as the district operations manager in Rawlins, Wyoming, and Sunnyside, Washington. After that, Don became the area operations manager in Kalispell and Libby, Montana, and Sandpoint, Idaho.

In 1999, Don retired and decided to take on the challenge of starting his own business, Bright Side Countertops & Cabinets. The business offered custom cabinetry, countertops and special wood projects.

Despite enjoying retirement, Don loved working in the utility industry and moved from Kalispell to join OTEC in June 2009.

At OTEC, Don was known for always helping out no matter where he was needed.

"Over the course of knowing Don for over 25 years it was apparent he was many things," says Werner Buehler, OTEC general manager. "Not only was he a friend and a consummate utility professional, he was also one of those guys who always put himself last. Everybody else had a problem that was more important, and he could fix it. He most certainly will be missed at OTEC, but most importantly, the work he initiated here will produce benefits for the members for years to come. That's quite a legacy."

Don leaves behind his wife of more than 40 years, Janet; two children, Kelly Jordan of the Tri-Cities, Washington, area and Scott of Walla Walla, Washington; and his beloved schnauzer, Midge.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. ■