



Garvin Bedford Ross

September 19, 1942 - October 18, 2019

Garvin Bedford Ross, the only child (son) of Howard Bedford and Grace Elizabeth, was born September 19, 1942, at home in Woodland, Iowa. He died at his home in Desert Aire, WA, on October 18, 2019, after a long battle with COPD.

At an early age, Garvin started riding ponies and then grew into horses. He started school in a one-room country school in Woodland, IA. In the seventh-grade, he transferred to Garden Grove Consolidated School. He graduated from Mormon Trail High School in Garden Grove, IA, in 1961.

Soon after graduating (June 27, 1961), Garvin married his high school sweetheart, Pamela Jean (Lovett); they celebrated 58 years of marriage last June. He farmed with his father and Grandfather in his early adulthood. In 1964 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and after 20 years of service retired in 1990. The Navy stationed him 19 of those 20 years at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and completed four cruises in his time; two on the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk and two on U.S.S. Ranger. After retiring, he started a small handyman business. He loved helping people and keeping busy.

In 2004, Garvin and Pam retired and became snowbirds, spending their winters in a motorcoach in Surprise, AZ. Later in 2008, they built a winter home in Sun City Festival in Buckeye, AZ.

Garvin had a love for antique tractors and refurbished his family's 1951 International Harvester Farmall "M" Tractor in 2007 and began riding it in annual WHO Iowa Tractor Rally. In 2012, he brought the tractor back to its new home in Oak Harbor and rode it in many of Oak Harbor's 4th of July parades.

With Garvin's health failing in 2018, he and Pam downsized and moved to eastern Washington to be closer to two of their children.

Garvin leaves his wife Pam, four sons - Richard and wife Ann (Buckley, WA), Michael and wife Connie (Ephrata, WA), Keith and wife Brandy (Desert Aire, WA), and Rory and wife Debbie (Milton, WA), five grandchildren - Kristin and husband Joel, Meghann and husband Spencer, Jessica, Austin, and Colson, four great-grandchildren - Michael, Johnathan, Constance, and Holly, brother-in-laws Stan, and Dan and wife Jan (Lovett), and many cousins and friends.

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear. [Author Unknown]

View the full obituary at <http://www.kayserschapel.com>. In lieu of flowers, the family would ask donations made in Garvin's name to Seattle Children's Hospital or the American Diabetes Association. Memorial services will be held in the summer of 2020.

Comments



“ Garvin and I were stationed in VA 128 in the early 80"s. Garvin ran the TC4C Shack. Garvin was one of the kindest people I ever met, always willing to share his knowledge. He asked me if I knew the kind of tools that were used to service the engines on the TC4C Aircraft, I said, sure I do, they are either METRIC or SAE, he said nope, B.S. he stated, I thought this guy is off his nut, he said the engines in these aircraft are Roles Royce Engines, made in England, and they use a special kind called B.S. British Standard, sure enough stamped on the tools were B.S.

Garvin you will be missed, thank you Brother for your Service. God Bless you and your Family.

George Lawson
USN Retired.

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Truly the best boss I had in the Navy (VA-145 85-88). Both of us being farm boys led to an immediate bond. May God give peace and comfort as you remember this great man.

Kevin Lang - November 03, 2019 at 01:05 AM



“ Garvin you were a true friend and shipmate I enjoyed working with you and was a privilege and honor knowing you Rest my friend

Steve Oldemeyer

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