



Clayton Dick Crook

March 11, 2024

Clayton Dick Crook of Moses Lake, Washington, age 82 died March 11 2024, 30 days short of his 83rd birthday.

Clay was born April 1941 in Longview, Washington. He was the son of Cloyde Carson and Russell Dick Crook. He was the older brother of Roger Glenn Crook, who preceded him in death. Clay graduated from R.A. Long High School, Longview, WA, 1959. He attended Lower Columbia College, Longview, WA, graduating early in December, 1961. He continued on to Western Washington State College (WWU) in Bellingham, WA. Clay graduated with Bachelor's Degree in Economics, but 2 credits shy of a dual degree in History, 1965.

Clay married Karen Ann Blair in March of 1962, celebrating their 62 wedding anniversary this year. Clay was a good dad to two daughters: Cindy Carmel Crook born in Bellingham, WA and Kelly Ann Crook born in Seattle, WA.

After graduation, Clay moved with his family to Seattle, WA in 1965. There he started a long career with Seattle First National Bank. He chose banking, so he could have his weekends open for his family. He started in management training, and then became a Bank Examiner traveling to different branches.

Clay transferred with Seattle First National Bank in 1971, crossing the

mountains to Sunnyside, WA. He had enough of the doom and gloom rain for a lifetime and wanted to see the sun. At the Sunnyside branch, he was an Agriculture Loan Officer, specializing in dairy farms. Also for a time, Clay was a partner of a TIOGA RV Transport Company. He was a Kiwanis member and managed the Sunnyside Sunshine Days Parade for many years. In Sunnyside, Clay found his love for community service, pheasant hunting with loyal hunting dogs, and enjoying close bonds with neighbors and friends. Summer weekends were spent camping at Scootney Reservoir water skiing and fishing with his family and friends.

Clay was transferred to the bank in Pasco, WA, as an Asst. Vice President in 1978, with the family home being in Kennewick, WA. At this time, Clay became a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Summer weekends were spent in the family boat exploring the many lakes and rivers in Washington State. During these travels, Clay fell in love with Moses Lake, WA.

Clay transferred to Moses Lake in 1981 as an Asst. Vice President of the branch. He joined Rotary in 1981 and enjoyed his membership throughout his life. While traveling, he always found a Rotary meeting in the town he was staying, to keep his perfect attendance record. Active in community service, Clay was the President of the Moses Lake Spring Festival from 1982 to 1986, then in charge of the Spring Festival food booths from 1986 to 1999. Clay took part of the Moses Lake Float Committee and even drove the Moses Lake float for 3 years. During the Grant County fair, you could always find him working the food booths or taking tickets at the gates.

Always known as a car guy, he joined the Moses Lake Classic Car club in 1981. Clay had a love for old cars, still owning his first car "1946 Plymouth". He loved to collect Classic cars; he started collecting Studebakers and moved onto AMC Ramblers. Clay and Karen even have his (yellow) and her (blue) Geo Metro convertible cars. You could always see Clay driving one car in the morning and a different one in the afternoon. At one time his collection was up

to 17 cars.

After leaving the bank in 1983, he moved onto a career in property management and became co-owner of Basin Property Management for a while. Then he worked for Advantage GMC Real Estate Moses Lake as a Property Manager. He owned 36 rental properties and managed over 250 rentals for GMC Moses Lake.

He retired in 2006 for the great Route 66 trip. Clay and Karen drove Route 66, from Chicago to Los Angeles, in their "1966 AMC Marlin" car traveling the total 2,448 miles. It took them 3 months to travel the whole route, stopping at car shows along the way.

Clay is survived by his wife Karen Ann Crook, daughters Kelly Ann Crook of Moses Lake, WA and Cindy Manderfeld, son-in-law Robert Manderfeld, grandson Eric Volquardson, great granddaughters Araceli Amezcua and Charity Volquardson, all of San Diego, CA.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ I had the pleasure of being a neighbor to Clay for a few years before relocating to Texas. I enjoyed our visits and the dinners he and Karen would host.
My heart goes out to Karen and family.

Dennis Goff - May 10, 2024 at 11:14 PM

JW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Karen and family. This is so saddened to our family. Clay was a great man and friend. Rest easy Clay!!

Jodie Williams - April 05, 2024 at 06:09 PM

CK

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with Karen & family! Clay was a great man, and liked by anyone who was lucky enough to know him. He was involved with so many community projects, and appreciated by everyone who worked a long side of him! RIP dear friend!! Cathy & Paul

Cathy Kersey - March 16, 2024 at 08:02 PM

LE

Knew Clay many years ago as a property manager,he was the nicest man and I rented a nice house by the lake for about 6 years, because he knew I would take good care of it,remember him driving his old red pickup around town, rest in peace and prayers for your family at this hard time, God bless

Linda E.Miller - March 21, 2024 at 05:28 PM

JP

“ This is a sad day. Clay was the best. He never said anything bad about anyone. He was always positive, cheery and eager to help a friend. I always looked forward to seeing Clay and Karen out in the community, they were easy to spot in their distinctive cars. Moses Lake seems a little less inviting now.

Jim Perdue - March 15, 2024 at 01:33 AM

KH

“ Clay was an amazing individual and most definitely be missed...but his memory will live on in our hearts

Kip and Danica Hauser - March 14, 2024 at 10:16 PM

RR

“ Clay was an amazing neighbor. Clay would always look after my place when I was out of town. He always had a great outlook and a good story to tell you if you bumped into him during one of his walks. Clay always had a pocket full of dog treats and every dog in the neighborhood knew it. I would see a lineup of dogs outside his house waiting for him. Clay will be missed and our thoughts go out to Karen and the family. Ryan & Kim

Ryan Records - March 14, 2024 at 10:08 PM

CM

He loved his walks, Everytime he left for his walk he would make sure he had his dog treats on him...glad he passed on one of his walks, doing what he loved.

Cindy Manderfeld - March 16, 2024 at 12:36 PM

TB

“ Truly a great neighbor for the past twenty five years. I enjoyed our conversations in all types of weather. May you rest in peace my friend! My thoughts are with you Karen and girls 🙏



Todd Bohne - March 14, 2024 at 12:02 PM

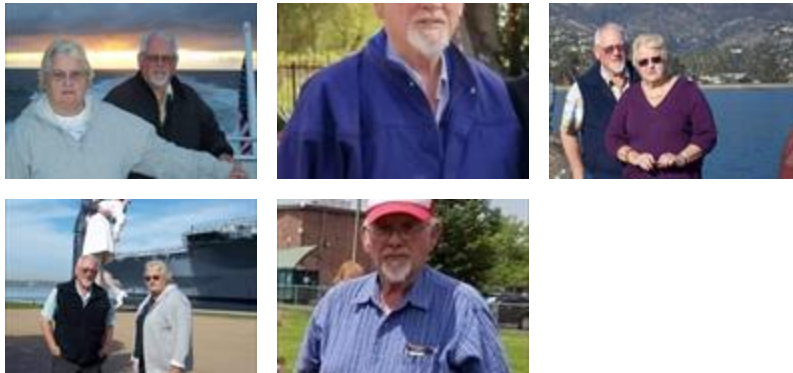
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Thank you Todd

Cindy Manderfeld - March 16, 2024 at 12:33 PM

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“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Cindy Manderfeld - March 12, 2024 at 07:58 PM

BT

Karen, so sorry you lost Clay. What a great guy. Bob Trask

Bob Trask - March 25, 2024 at 10:54 PM