



Dan K. Toya

December 17, 1947 - December 23, 2011

Dan K. Toya, a resident of Moses Lake since the mid 1950s, passed away December 23, 2011. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at the Moses Lake Alliance Church, 1100 N. Grape Drive, with Pastor Jody Bowser officiating. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake.

Dan was born in Oregon City, Oregon on December 17, 1947 to Fred and Kimi Toya. After graduating from Moses Lake High School in 1966 and Big Bend Community College in 1968, Dan went on to earn a B.S. from WSU in 1970 and an M.S. from Oregon State University in 1973. He worked at Brotherton Seed Company for several years.

Dan and his first wife, Louella, married in 1979 and returned to the Moses Lake area in 1984 to be closer to family. On November 1, 2003, Dan and Hazel were married, and together they enjoyed attending plays and concerts. In their eight years together, Dan and Hazel traveled to Hawaii, Europe, Japan, and other locations in North America, which Dan enjoyed documenting in his photo albums. Dan also enjoyed fishing and working in his garden; he was, for many years, a familiar sight at the Farmer's Market.

Dan was preceded in death by his father, Fred Toya. He is survived by his wife, Hazel; mother, Kimi; brother, Rollin; nephew, Martin with wife Lindsay; niece, Heather with husband Joseph; 2 great-nieces, Ashtyn and Avery; stepchildren Doug with wife Joyce, Wayne with wife Brenda, and Holly; and

great-grandchildren Rachel, Hannah, and Joel. Dan will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Dan's memory to the Alliance Church of Moses Lake building fund at 1100 N. Grape Drive, Moses Lake, WA 98837.

Previous Events

Service

APR 3. 3:00 PM (PT)

Moses Lake Alliance Church
1100 N. Grape Dr.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ To the Toya Family:

Dan & the Toya Family have been close & great friends for over 30 years and we have experienced many seasons of life together. What fun we had growing vegetables for the Moses Lake Farmer's Market , sowing pea fields for Brotherton Seed, celebrating holidays and birthdays, drinking coffee at McDonald's plus going out to dinner, quiet walks, fishing and attending a huge variety of entertainment events. We were so thrilled Hazel & Dan moved the Royal City office close to us in Moses Lake. Dan was truly a very happy person maybe the happiest we have ever known. We credit his cheerfulness to his mother, Kimi; his wife, Hazel and his heavenly maker.

Dan's life reminds me of the Parable of the Talents, Matthew 25:14-23. Excellent! You are a good and trust worthy servant. You have been faithful with a small amount, so I will put you in charge of a large amount. Come and join in your master's happiness. (Complete Jewish Bible)

Dan lived life to the fullest and enjoyed every minute of it and all of us were blessed with his goodness. We have all lost a very dear and precious son, husband, brother & friend. Well done good and faithful servant!

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Jack & Kay Hendrix##imported-begin##Jack & Kay
Hendrix##imported-end##*

April 11, 2012 at 01:44 PM



“ To the Toya family..We are so sorry for the loss of Dan. He was such a nice man, and we will miss his sharp wit and smiling face at the farmer's market. Our hearts are with you, as they have been during these past months. Dan is resting with so many that have gone before him.##imported-begin##Jennie and Allen Foster##imported-end##

April 06, 2012 at 08:00 PM



“ Dan was a classmate of mine and he will be missed by all members of the Class of 1966. It was wonderful spending time with Dan and Hazel at our 45th last August and we will miss him and his wonderful smile at our future reunions. I have been praying for the past 3 months that Dan would be found alive and well - but it was not meant to be. My thoughts are prayers are with you, Hazel, as well as Kimi, Roland and all of the extended family.##imported-begin##Gail Higgins Garcelon##imported-end##

April 05, 2012 at 10:48 PM



“ I graduated from high school with Danny in 1966 which was probably the last time I saw him. I will always remember that smile. My condolences to his family and his Big Brother Roland.##imported-begin##Patrick McKenzie##imported-end##

April 05, 2012 at 05:47 PM



“ Our prayers are with your family at this time of pain and finally relief of bringing Dan home...##imported-begin##Greg and Donna DeBeaumont##imported-end##

April 05, 2012 at 02:06 PM



“ Thought and Prayers are with all of you. I never met Dan but I have met some of his family. I understand he was a lot like them and they are some of the sweetest and nicest people I have ever met. God speed in helping you all heal. I have heard that the service you held for him was exceptional.....##imported-begin##Shelly Hester##imported-end##

April 04, 2012 at 08:17 PM



“ Dan's service today was one of celebration of a life well lived! His smile and friendship will be missed! Our thoughts and prayers with you all. He was one of the good ones! The Toya's legacy have been set in the Columbia Basin. Thanks for your friendship Dan!##imported-begin##Chuck Yarbro, Jr.##imported-end##

April 03, 2012 at 09:32 PM



“ Dear Toya family, my deepest sympathy to all of you during this difficult time. Dan, was one of the kindest person I have ever met and he will be missed greatly. God Bless all of you.##imported-begin##Laura Lee Rich##imported-end##

April 03, 2012 at 12:33 PM



“ To all the Toya family---You have been in our thoughts & prayers for the past 3 months and will be in the months ahead. Dan left such an impact on our community and will be missed by all. Fran & Boyd Grant##imported-begin##Fran & Boyd Grant##imported-end##

April 03, 2012 at 12:15 PM



“ To Hazel, Kimi, Rollin, the Toya family and all of the Finkbeiner and Gross cousins, we are thinking of you. Our heartfelt condolences go out to you. Hazel, we remember so fondly visiting you & Dan and Molly at your house, as well as seeing you & Dan in NY with Mom & Dad, during one of your wonderful trips. Our thoughts are with you and the Toya family today as friends and family remember Dan so fondly.

Doug & Hally##imported-begin##Doug Heimbigner & Hally Birnbaum##imported-end##

April 03, 2012 at 12:13 PM



“ A nice, wonderful man, Dan, and his dog, Molly, went together. One trying to save the other. I sit here, now, on my sofa with my dog, giving her that big hug and she returns me with a kiss.##imported-begin##Russ Miller##imported-end##

April 03, 2012 at 07:31 AM



“ Dan's passing was quite a shock to us and we will certainly miss his happy presence and personality. I will always remember spending New Year's Eve with Rollin and Dan at the Carver Farm when we were kids. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family and friends of Dan. Paul##imported-begin##Paul Tamura##imported-end##

April 02, 2012 at 11:48 PM



“ Hazel, Auntie Kimi and Rollin,

So sorry Olivia and I can't be with you to honor Danny's memory tomorrow. We had planned to attend the memorial service but the terrible weather in the passes for the next few days has made a trip too difficult for us to be there. Please know that our thoughts are with your family.

*Jerry and Olivia##imported-begin##Jerry & Olivia
Uyeda##imported-end##*

April 02, 2012 at 11:26 PM



“ Dear Kimie, Rollin and families, I am so sorry to hear about Danny's terrible accident. It makes one realize how precious the present moments are. I still remember good times at the old Clackamas River house in our younger years. This goes way back! Please accept my most sincere condolences and prayers.
always, Pam Tamura-Oja##imported-begin##Pam Tamura-Oja##imported-end##

April 02, 2012 at 08:28 PM



“ Although we only met Dan briefly at the Farmer's Market, we have felt his loss. My sister Susan Ruff and Harvery have kept us informed of past events since December. Although gone, Dan's memory lives within our hearts. Our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Kaye and David Lombardi##imported-end##

April 02, 2012 at 08:28 PM



“ We were very saddened to hear Dan had gone missing late last year and that he had likely fallen through the ice on a local lake while walking his dog. We are thankful the family now has closure after these past few months of not knowing. I enjoyed the opportunity to interact and work with Dan during the years we worked for Stauffer Chemical Company. Our prayers and thoughts are with Dan's family and friends during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Tim & Dixie Vargas##imported-end##

April 02, 2012 at 04:05 PM



“ It was such a joy to reconnect with Danny at our 40th and 45th Moses Lake High School Class Reunions. Although many of us were not immediately easy to identify, Dan and that BIG SMILE looked just the same as it did 45 years earlier. You will be missed at our 50th, but your spirit and your kind and gentle manner will always be in our memories.
Our prayers are with Hazel and the Toya Family.

*Bobbie Jack and Nancy Melson
Leavenworth, Washington
MLHS Class of 1966##imported-begin##Bobbie Jack
Melson##imported-end##*

April 02, 2012 at 11:30 AM



“ Hazel and family, words cannot express how deeply sorry we are for your loss. Dan was a great person and brought to all of those whose lives he touched. We will miss our dear friend. We continue to pray for peace and comfort for you. Love and God Bless, Jeff, Cheryl and kids.##imported-begin##Jeff and Cheryl Bodi##imported-end##

April 01, 2012 at 11:46 PM



“ To the Toya family....we are so sorry for all of you. The loss of Dan, has to be unbearable!! Dan, was the man that wore the "smile"!! It was a privilege to know him, during his earthly life, and we will all meet again, someday!! Dan was a very caring man. His generosity, knew no bounds!! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Paul & Cathy Kersey###imported-begin###Paul & Cathy Kersey###imported-end##

April 01, 2012 at 02:36 PM



“ I did not know Mr Toya but I would have considered it a great privilege and honor to have known him, anyone who would risk and loose his life to save his dog was a great and wonderful man. I know that Mr Toya and his dog Molly are together. I,am sorry for your lose.

with respects Garey Clements###imported-begin###Garey Clements###imported-end##

April 01, 2012 at 12:58 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the Toya family. Dan will be missed by us all.###imported-begin###The Wiley family###imported-end##

April 01, 2012 at 01:39 AM



“ We are deeply saddened by the death of our friend and classmate, Dan. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife, Hazel, mother, Kim, and extended family. Dan will live on in our hearts forever.###imported-begin###Sam & Kathy Kovalsky###imported-end##

March 31, 2012 at 08:06 PM



“ Rollin and family - In my 38 years of USDA service, I came to know the Toya family as one of the most respected in Grant County. I had only met Dan a few times, but knew many others who knew him, like Rollin, to be a friend to all. just the type of people one wants to be around. This has been a great tragedy to a wonderful family. My heartfelt condolences.##imported-begin##Ben Davis##imported-end##

March 31, 2012 at 08:03 PM



“ I didn't know Dan personally but remembered him for years at the market. I live out by the potholes above the golf course and for the last 3 months every time I would drive into town I would pray for his family. My heart has hurt for all of you. May God speak peace and comfort into your hearts. His is the only true peace and comfort.##imported-begin##Linda Ries##imported-end##

March 31, 2012 at 07:21 PM



“ even though we didnt know dan, it was very sad to hear of his passing. our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. god bless##imported-begin##gonzales family##imported-end##

March 31, 2012 at 03:05 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with the entire Toya family.##imported-begin##Howard and Brenda Schuller##imported-end##

March 30, 2012 at 04:02 PM



“ Dan will be greatly missed by all the family has our sympathy.
Sincerely
the Shipley's###imported-begin##The Dolores Shipley family###imported-end##

March 30, 2012 at 01:59 PM



“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. You have experienced something that most of us will never know. We are thankful that some closure can take place now, and will continue to pray for healing and peace.###imported-begin##Mike & Jana Oesch###imported-end##

March 30, 2012 at 11:18 AM



“ To the Toya family - you have all been in my daily prayers throughout this ordeal. You are all very special. I will miss Dan...and making him apple pies!###imported-begin##Lisa Ruff###imported-end##

March 30, 2012 at 02:52 AM



“ Kimi, Rollin, and the Toya family - we are so sorry for your loss. Our families go back a long way, and there are so many memories of you all. God bless.###imported-begin##Larry & Katie Rigsby###imported-end##

March 29, 2012 at 10:12 PM



“ So very sorry to hear about Dan. He was easily one of the nicest men I have ever met. Always a smile on his face!##imported-begin##Chuck & Vicki Brumet##imported-end##

March 29, 2012 at 09:28 PM



“ To The Toya Family,
A tragedy such as this reminds us just how fragile life is and how quickly our lives can be changed. My heart goes out to all of you. You have been in my thoughts and prayers thses last few months. Love and prayers. Our families have been friends for years and years and its hard to say good bye to long time residents of the area.
Sincerely,
Connie Kast##imported-begin##Connie (Ruff) Kast##imported-end##

March 28, 2012 at 10:35 PM



“ Prayers have been said daily for this family since the report of Dan's disappearance. We have had a poster on the front door of our business in Wilbur about Dan missing to remind us about our friend. Our hearts are heavy today, and we send our thoughts and prayers to the family. Like many others, we will miss him greatly. Gene & Bonnie##imported-begin##Gene & Bonnie Polhamus##imported-end##

March 27, 2012 at 10:33 PM