



Harry Ries

March 4, 1948 - December 11, 2017

Harry E. Ries, 69, a longtime resident of Moses Lake passed away Monday, December 11, 2017 at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee his family at his side. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at the Moses Lake Golf and Country Club, 1373 Road F.2 NE from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The family asked that you all come dressed in Harry's style (casual attire). Harry was born in Seattle, Washington on March 4, 1948, son of Darrell and Mary Ellen Ries. His career included being an attorney and Court Commissioner for Grant County. He enjoyed skiing, jet skiing, golfing and a nice cigar with a cocktail. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Quinn; two children Greg (Ginger) Ries and Ann Marie (Jeremy) Sweeney; step children, Garret Quinn and fiance Letusha and Shana (Troy) Watkins; five grandchildren, Hunter, Chandler, Taylor, Tristin and Kaytlyn.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 16. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Pillar Rock Grill/Moses Lake Golf and Country Club
1373 Rd F.2 NE
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *My sincere condolences to Harry's family. I just heard of his passing today. Thank You Harry for the great care you gave me when I needed your professional attorney services! You were a fantastic attorney, and you were so full of life. You always saw the cup 1/2 full. God Bless you, RIP. Joyce DeLeon*

Joyce DeLeon - January 21, 2018 at 09:44 PM



“ *Harry, you were a great service to the people and community. My children and I are forever in you debt for you wise judgment, thank you for your service. You will be truly missed.*

Jonathan Latham - January 08, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ *Terrible news. Rest in Peace Harry. Taken much too soon. You'll always live on in our memories.*
Paul and Mare

Paul Freudiger - December 19, 2017 at 11:07 AM



“ *This breaks my heart. Harry played a great part in my life as my attorney. Some people think that may not be much, but through his help he saved the lives if myself and my children. He will always hold a special place in my heart. My thoughts and orayers arw with all of Harrys family and friends.*

Jennifer Baum - December 17, 2017 at 07:47 PM

PL

“ With great sadness to hear of Harry's passing. That sly smile, as if he knew something I did not. Green toe-nail polish. "For the grand daughter".OK.
Thoughts for you and yours, Nancy.

Paul Lamb - December 15, 2017 at 09:26 PM

JJ

“ Seven years ago at the recommendation of attorney Bruce Pinkerton, I found myself needing the services of Harry Ries. I found Harry to be candid, coarse in speech much like myself but with a very fine sense of honor, integrity and decency and strict adherence to the law. He did not sugar coat anything to me his client, yet for all his bluster he was a patient compassionate listener. What I learned most about Harry and the true knowledge of the legal system is the types of relationships attorneys know about other attorneys out of their realm that a client should be steered to. I would see Harry out and around the courthouse and I always thanked him for the time I spent with him. I was also glad to know the citizens of Grant County received the services of him in his capacity as a judge pro tem. I am sorry I am not able to attend his service, but please the family should know many of us are so sorry that a true icon of what is fair and just has passed far too soon.

John O. Morris, Jr. Ephrata WA

John O. Morris, Jr. - December 15, 2017 at 06:08 PM

GD

“ Garth Dano lit a candle in memory of Harry Ries



garth dano - December 14, 2017 at 07:38 PM

GD

“ Nancy and Family, I echo what has been shared so far. I was absolutely blessed to have had Harry in my life. From the first day I met him in law school, at Gonzaga, when we immediately traded good natured barbs at one another, until the end, he was always the same. I truly loved his irreverent and irascible way. I never had to guess what he was thinking- he said it plain and direct! I cherish the time we spent as law partners. He was tough and hard-nosed. He never backed down from anything or anybody. He operated only with an uncompromising desire to "get things done right". The world needs more Harry's. We have all lost a "true original". Personally, I have lost a one of the great friends of my life. When I think of Harry, an immediate smile comes to my face as I see him walking towards me, saying something straight out of Gran Torino... I love you my friend-until we see each other again. My deepest and humble respect to Nancy and Harry's family, Garth Dano

garth dano - December 14, 2017 at 07:30 PM

TC

“ I had the privilege of working with Harry back in the Ries & Kenison days, 1986. I thought the world of him. He was a true professional and he was kind, kind, kind. He taught me much, not the least of which was to stand up the the Senior ladies in the office who could be pretty darn scary. Yikes.
To his family I extend my most sincere sympathy. He left far to soon.

Lovingly,
Terri & Jay Crabill

Terri & Jay Crabill - December 14, 2017 at 04:26 PM

JS

“ To Harry's Family:

I count Harry as a blessing in my life. During the summer after my first year of law school, I clerked at the Dano firm, and had the pleasure of getting to know Harry. What I learned most from him was that lawyers are in the business of resolving conflicts - not creating them. I remember him telling me that it was always better to get on the phone with someone and have actual "communication" with them, as opposed to sending another letter. I have made these lessons part of my practice and life. Harry is gone too soon, but will not be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May God bless you and keep you all.

Jeff Sperline

Jeff Sperline - December 14, 2017 at 02:04 PM

JL

“ So so sorry to hear about Harr's passing. We grew up on Crestview Drive and played baseball in the field and had a great time. I had a fort on Moses Lake and he would do mischievous things to the fort. Will never forget the party he had in the sixth grade. Have more memories of him as we age. Bless Harry and his family..Julie Leininger 🙏

Julie Leininger - December 13, 2017 at 07:36 PM

RP

“ Nancy and family, I am so sorry to hear of Harrys passing. You two had barely begun and to have a journey cut so short is heart breaking. What a friend Harry was. He will be sorely missed. He helped me temper my reactions and work through others. We took on some big ones and had fun pushing through. It was a joy to help him manipulate hot tubs, rocks and stumps. I will miss his sage advice and humorous times together. RIP my friend RIP.

Richard Penhallurick - December 12, 2017 at 10:15 PM