



## Harvey Raymond Ruff

April 20, 1944 - May 13, 2024

The family of Harvey Raymond Ruff of Warden, Washington is saddened to announce his passing on May, 13, 2024. He was born April 20, 1944 to Raymond and Hilda Ruff in Ritzville, WA and was the older brother to his sister, Bonnie.

Harvey was raised on a dryland wheat farm in Ruff, his love for farming and agriculture carried throughout his life. After graduating high school and Big Bend Community College, he married Barbara Gail. They had 2 daughters, Lori and Lisa, and he started his own farm raising wheat, hay and peas. He left the farm and became the manager for Brotherton Seed Company for 46 years before retiring.

Harvey was a 4-H leader, he loved sharing his knowledge and skills with the youth in his community. He started raising sheep to ensure the best stock for his daughters and other 4-H members. Harvey spent a great deal of time, yearly, at the Grant County Fair supporting the 4-H and FFA organizations plus enjoying the rodeos.

In 1992 Harvey married Susan Hoagland. They moved to a small Warden farm. Harvey and Sue raised cattle, horses, and a variety of poultry on their farm.

Harvey loved his gardens. He sold produce at the Grant County Farmers Market and helped his close friends, Dan and Roland Toya, sell their produce as well. Harvey had a passion for growing flowers. At one time he had over 300 dahlia bulbs, some of which came from his mom.

Harvey loved cooking and making some of his favorite dishes. A longtime family tradition was making German Sausage. Harvey helped friends Don and Kelly make sausages for Deutsches Festival.

Harvey was quite the fisherman as well. He salmon fished in the local lakes and rivers. He also took trips to Westport to fish.

Family was important to Harvey, he loved keeping in touch with his large, extended family. He enjoyed visiting people and hearing all about what was happening in the community.

A special thank you to those who helped care for Harvey, Dr. Jonathan Hansen of Spokane Cardiology, Dr. Andrew Howlett of Providence Orthopedics, Dr. James Calamia of Providence Medical Group Family Medicine, and Avalon Care Center in North Pointe, Spokane.

Harvy was preceded in death by his parents and sister. He is survived by his wife, Susan of Warden, daughters Lori of Medical Lake, WA and Lisa (Dale) of Yakima, WA.

Inurnment is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Ruff Schultz Memorial Cemetery in Ruff on Rd W NE. Following burial there will be a celebration of life at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Warden at 1:00 p.m. Please stay and enjoy food and fellowship with the family, as this was very important to Harvey. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or Alzheimer's Association.

Harvey was always willing to help anyone at any time. He was loyal, hardworking and will be missed by many.

“Life is eternal, and love is immortal, and death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight.” – Rossiter Worthington Raymond

# Cemetery Details

## Schultz Memorial Cemetery (Ruff)

8.5 Road W NE  
Marlin, WA

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Marlin, WA

## Celebration of Life

JUN 8. 1:00 PM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Warden Chapel  
1017 S. County Rd.  
Warden, WA

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ I am so sad to hear this news. I didn't know Harvey very long but loved all the interactions I had with him. He was such a kind person that you just enjoyed talking to. Rest easy Harvey.

Sarah Swafford - June 03, 2024 at 04:26 PM

CK

“ So are so sorry to hear that Harvey passed away. He was a wonderful person, who was liked by everyone who knew him. He was generous, thoughtful, talented, smart, had quick wit and full of compassion for others. We worked together in our early days, doing 4-H and selling sausage & food at the Deutsches Festival. He will leave a void in the hearts of his family & friends. Hugs to his family, Cathy & Paul Kersey

CATHY KERSEY - May 28, 2024 at 01:01 PM

TB

“ Todd Bohne lit a candle in memory of Harvey Ruff



Todd Bohne - May 23, 2024 at 06:43 PM

KK

“ WE WILL MISS YOU HARVEY❤️.... Thank you for being such a great friend to so many and a wonderful human being..... we will raise a toast to you and say "here for it and here to for it" in your honor 😊 You really had a knack for being the best conversationalist .... your honest interest in how people were doing and sharing your bits of wisdom along the way clearly did not go unnoticed.....  
❤️ Kim and your buddy Don

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**Kim Korpinen** - May 23, 2024 at 02:10 PM

GP

*I will miss you Harvey, but I know that you and Raymond, Hilda, & Bonnie are all together again. Forever. R.I.P. your bud & brother-in-law, Gene*

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**Gene Polhamus** - May 24, 2024 at 01:48 PM

PB

*What a blessing for us to have Harvey and Sue as our neighbors and friends!! Harvey always wanted to help and asked nothing in return. As a matter of fact he wasn't very good a receiving help from others. Harvey was a regular at our brandings. He was the gate watcher. No calves were allowed to get past Harvey. Well maybe just one or two. He would always bring a chest of ice and pop and anything else we might have forgotten to bring to the ranch, along with Sue's pea salad. He drove tractor and truck and whatever else we needed during harvest. When our daughter played basketball they were some of her biggest fans, traveling to state and even to Boise to watch her. When the calves busted the fence and strayed and I was home alone, Harvey and Sue were right there to gather the strays and secure the fence. Thanks for the memories!!*

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**Peggy Bates** - May 28, 2024 at 08:00 PM