



## Hershel Trammell

June 16, 1942 - January 23, 2023

Dad (Hershel, Bob, Dad, Papa, Mr. T and Coach) met his heavenly father on Monday morning, January 23, 2023 surrounded by family. Dad was born June 16, 1942 to Garland and Allene Trammell in New Edinburgh, Arkansas. He was the fifth of seven children born into this marriage. The family moved to Ellensburg where dad continued his education. Dad overcame much childhood adversity and always looked to better his and others' situation. A highlight of his early childhood was being a part of the 1953 Ellensburg World Famous, "Barn Burners" basketball team. He graduated from Ellensburg High School and it was during these years that a special teacher mentored him and instilled a love of education and helping others. He chose to continue his postsecondary school at Central Washington University graduating with a degree in Education.

Immediately after graduation, dad was hired by the Warden School District. What he thought would be a one-year contract evolved into 40 years of teaching and coaching in this wonderful community. He met Kathy and a whirlwind romance began with their first date, chaperoning a rooters bus to Bridgeport. They were married 3 months later on December 28, 1969 at the Warden Community Church. Their first daughter, Heidi, was born on January 29, 1971 and then arrived "another cheerleader" as the doctor stated, Krystal on February 28, 1973. At early ages the girls were often found by dad's side on the softball field as managers as well as the basketball court participating

during his practices.

Dad's career spanned 40 years in the education and coaching realm. He taught high school history, Drivers Education, Title I, Title I Migrant and Bilingual, 4th grade, 6th grade and completed his career with elementary physical education. He coached softball as well as boys and girls basketball. He was instrumental in the development of junior high football and multiple sports through Warden Park and Rec. One of his favorite events was organizing the high school athlete/elementary student basketball tournament which was held at Jeannette Evans Elementary. He enjoyed working with student athletes of all ages and involving community members as much as possible.

Our family reveled in the continuous "Papa" stories of his childhood, students, athletes, referees and umpires. Always a laugh and life lesson at the end of each story. He loved keeping in contact with ex-students and athletes and continuing to pass on more tales with each visit. A few examples of memorable teams and moments included an early basketball team nicknamed, the "Cardiac Kids" due to keeping the games close. One continuous saying from his 1982 state softball team, "Make him smile" or his 1989 girls basketball team who played White Swan at district. White Swan Cougars were red and white and the Warden Cougars were blue and white. The nervousness was evident so before the girls headed onto the court he stated, "Ladies, look at the flag. The stars are blue and white". (Warden won) Finally, in his last year of coaching (2009-10) he assisted the Wilson Creek Devils girl's basketball team to their first ever state appearance. The Cinderella story was complete. One final dream come true.

Dad and mom spent numerous hours laughing while watching dad's softball players toilet paper their front lawn, enjoying candy bars left on their doorsteps, hosting team dinners, general student athlete visits as well as

visiting players in the hospital when needed. He always found a way to reach other people and to assist his students and athletes on and off the court/field even after graduation. They were a constant throughout his life. "Papa" loved his family and more than anything loved spending time with the "grands." Always a game, story or life lesson. Those moments will always be cherished.

Dad is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Kathy and their two daughters, Heidi Ragan and Krystal Trammell. Grandchildren Kellan (Madeline) Roellich, Kyler (Victoria) Haneberg, Ashlyn Haneberg and Serina Haneberg. One great grandson, Levi Haneberg. Brother, Ron (Anna Trammell) and sister, Fran Trammell. Sister in law Vicki (Don) Underhill and Mary Ellen (Walt) Spier and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents Garland and Allene Trammell, Stepfather Russ Wooley, brothers Pete, Elmer "Short" and Mark as well as his sister, Agnes "Aggie". In laws Norman and Aloma Bischoff and brother-in-law Monty Ring.

Thank you to the amazing staff at Lakeridge Care Center. Although dad's stay was brief you showed our family dignity, respect and sympathy. You not only cared for dad but our entire family.

It was dad's wish that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Bob Trammell scholarship fund %  
PAWS (Warden School District)  
PO Box 2283 Warden, WA.

It was also his wish to donate to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Arrangements are being made through Kayser's Chapel of Memories. Public viewing Friday, January 27 from 2pm-6pm. A private family service will be held

Saturday, January 28 at 11am. For those who would like to honor dad, we invite you to watch his service live on Kayser's Facebook page. Interment to follow at Guarding Angels Cemetery.

"We love you dad/papa and will carry on your legacy of servitude."

# Cemetery Details

## Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.  
Moses Lake, WA 98837  
(509) 765-7848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **27**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories  
831 S. Pioneer Way  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ Sending deep condolences to you Kathy and the girls.  
Heaven gained a kind, caring and gentle teacher.

Susan Arousa Wicks - January 30, 2023 at 07:29 PM

SW

“ Susan Wicks lit a candle in memory of  
Hershel Trammell



Susan Arousa Wicks - January 30, 2023 at 07:23 PM

SB

“ Mr. Trammel kicked me out of school along with one of my best  
friends. He was acting principal because Mr.Zirker was gone that  
day. It was just a half of a day but it became a standing joke  
between us. He held us to a high standard. We respected and loved  
him.

Sharon Cox Buck - January 28, 2023 at 01:50 PM

SC

“ Sending deepest condolences to you Kathy  
and your girls. Prayers and warm hugs. 🙏🥹  
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Sheila (Gardner) Colbert - January 27, 2023 at 09:23 PM

SC

“ *Sheila Colbert lit a candle in memory of Hershel Trammell*



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**Sheila (Gardner) Colbert** - January 27, 2023 at 09:20 PM

CK

“ *Callie Myrtle Voss and all our kids. lit a candle in memory of Hershel Trammell*



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**Callie & Myrtle Voss and all our kids.** - January 25, 2023 at 01:11 PM

CG

“ *Mr. T was one of the greatest teachers to teach at the Warden School District. I feel so lucky to have been taught by him! I remember walking into PE class when I was a child, and there he was tall and always so happy to be there. He was a fan of Goofy and that didn't go unnoticed with all his goofy decor in his office. Mr. T thank you for always being so loving, caring and compassionate towards each one of your students. You truly will be missed! Prayers to the family and his wife Mrs. T!*

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**Chasity Gonzalez** - January 25, 2023 at 01:08 AM

SM

“ Coach Bob Trammell, so sorry to read about Bob's passing. I knew Bob through coaching softball in Ephrata and as a referee in basketball. I remember reffing many of Bob's games at Warden. He was the girls' coach at that time. Bob also coached girls' softball and our teams usually had a competitive outing. I always remember Bob as a class act, his teams played well, and they were fun to play against. Bob's teams were prepared and well coached and ready to compete. I appreciated going to some district meetings as a ref and getting to see Bob as wonderful, kind educator and coach. And yes, I will always remember that amazing Bob Trammell grin. So sorry for your loss. Awesome teacher, leader, coach and surely an amazing Dad. Bless your father, Mr. Bob Trammell. Sincere Blessings to his family, Steve Metcalf from Ephrata S.D.

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**STEVE METCALF** - January 24, 2023 at 11:53 PM

TR

*So sorry to hear about your dad's passing.*

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**Tana Ring** - January 31, 2023 at 11:09 PM

JH

“ Thank you for “The Dance” Coach! It was my honor to coach beside you! Our Cinderella team did it, as we knew & saw it in each girl! Thank you for being a Poppa to my son, Wiley during the season & after! You will be truly missed but we will keep our memories! 💙💛  
Always, Jen



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Jenny Hare - January 24, 2023 at 08:57 PM