



Merle V. Clemmo

September 20, 1940 - December 28, 2009

Long time Moses Lake resident Merle Victor Clemmo fell asleep in Jesus' arms Monday December 28, 2009 in Spokane with his beloved family by his side, after a brief but courageous struggle with cancer. A memorial will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 31, 2009 at the LDS Stake Center, 1515 S. Division St., Moses Lake. The family will greet friends at 9:00 a.m. in the church foyer prior to the service. Please sign the guest book or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com. Arrangements are in the care of Kayser's Chapel and Crematory, Moses Lake.

Merle was self employed as an electrical contractor serving our area for over 21 years. He was born in Akron, Ohio September 20, 1940 to Henry and Hazel (Pyett) Clemmo. His family moved to Moses Lake in 1949 where Merle attended school, graduating in 1959. Merle participated in baseball and football. He attended Central Washington University. He then served in the Army Signal Corps in France from 1963-1965. Merle returned to Moses Lake where he had a great love for outdoor sports. He was dedicated to hunting, fishing, 4-wheel driving, trap shooting, drag racing....especially his '41 Willys, snowmobiling, and golfing. He was an excellent mechanic.

In the past Merle was active in the Ace of Clubs 4W, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Moses Lake Gun Club, NRA, Moses Lake Alumni Association, the Links at Moses Pointe and the organizing committee for his class reunion. Merle worked for Hochstatters Electric for 19 years, before starting his own company Clemmo Electric, which he ran with integrity for over 21 years.

A gentle giant Merle was well liked and respected for his knowledge and his ability to make people feel special. He lived his life with honor. He had a kind heart and generous spirit, and went out of his way to help others. He was a 'go to guy' if you were stumped or needed information. He taught so many so much.

He was a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and a treasured friend. He was preceded in death by his father, mother and brother in law Ernest Graems. He is survived by his cherished wife of 35 years, Sharon Clemmo, his 6 step children Nancy, David, Jerry, Michael (Debbie), Walter (Belinda) and Steven (Ildiko) Banks, his brother Ward (Maxine) Clemmo, his sisters Irene Graems and Betty (Carl) Hollingsworth, and 20 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 31. 10:00 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Stake Center
1515 S. Division St.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to find out today that Mele passed away. I was searching the internet to connect with my family and found the Obituary. My Grandmother was Nualla Smith (Clemo), and my great uncle was ward Victor Clemo.
Have a few photos of family taken in Seattle of my Great great grandmother Velma standing with Nualla, nualla's son Merle, Bob, nad my mother Erma.
Would hope to connect with family so let me know if there is an e mail address I can send photos to.
Sorry again to hear about Merle. My grandmother Nualla always talked about him to us.##imported-begin##Les Nelson##imported-end##

April 15, 2010 at 02:07 PM



“ Dear Sheri & Family: We were most devastated, shocked, & saddened by the loss of Merle following his short illness. It's hard to understand a loss like yours, but we're sure that you know that others are thinking of you, caring, & wishing you comfort & peace. Merle will never be forgotten. His loss will will leave a void in our hearts forever. The great times we spent with Merle & you over the years are ones we will never forget. The prayers, thoughts, & tears that we have shared with you over the past few weeks will never be enough to express our deepest felt sorrow for you & your family. We Love You All - Bruce & Peg##imported-begin##Bruce & Peg Walker##imported-end##

January 10, 2010 at 05:24 PM



“ God speed ahead & happy snowmobiling in Heaven. Barry & Nancy Queen##imported-begin##Barry & Nancy Queen##imported-end##

January 04, 2010 at 06:50 PM



“ When Merle and I were in high school we would kid each other about our names. After high school our paths took us in different directions but he will always be one of my classmates. I wish to express my deepest sympathy to his wife and family for Merle's untimely departure. May your memories of his life with you be a cherished source of comfort.

With my sincere condolences

Merrill McClain##imported-begin##Merrill McClain##imported-end##

January 03, 2010 at 10:17 PM



“ Sharon
What a shock! This world has lost one of the good guys. Our loss and heavens gain. I have gone into the supply store not because I needed anything, but because Merl's truck was there. He was one that People could be them selves aroun Merl and feel real comfortable. Thank You and Merl for your friendship. A Great example on how treat people and how to live your life. If there is anything I can do Please, Please let me know thanks again##imported-begin##Bob Jackson##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 04:12 PM



“ Sheri I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts & prayers. Everyone who knew Merle will miss his friendship. I will always remember his phone call to me to see if my husband wanted to play golf at our 50th reunion. He was so good at making people feel at ease & welcome. He will be missed but we can all be comforted in knowing he is with the Lord. God Bless. Gayle##imported-begin##Gayle Gumfory Woodlief##imported-end##

January 02, 2010 at 02:36 PM



“ Sherrie, so sorry.##imported-begin##Jim and Nancy Fultz##imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 05:07 PM



“ Sherri and family, We are so sorry to hear of Merle's passing. As previous entries have mentioned, Merle was a special man, and always so friendly and cheerful. He will be missed by many, but, we are comforted knowing he is "in Jesus' loving arms."##imported-begin##Mike & Joyce Mulliken##imported-end##

January 01, 2010 at 10:53 AM



“ Certainly the obituary says it all. He was a "gentle giant" and a "treasured friend." Our prayers are with you, Sherri and family. May God give you comfort and strength in this time of need.##imported-begin##Charles Edwards##imported-end##

December 31, 2009 at 03:40 PM



“ We feel very honored to have known Merle. I have many memory's of Merle in the "good ol day"s". We had a great time at the reunion last summer and enjoyed playing golf with him. We had talked about playing again this next summer. He was a great freind and will be missed by all. To the family, please except our heart felt condolence. Love Wid and Judy Wilmot###imported-begin###Wid and Judy Wilmot###imported-end##

December 31, 2009 at 02:41 PM



“ God's Speed to our gentle giant. He will be missed. Rich & Peny Archer Sandscorpins Moses Lake###imported-begin###Rich & Peny Archer###imported-end##

December 31, 2009 at 12:02 AM



“ My sincere condolences to Merle's family. My memories of Merle stem from high school and our Class of 1959 Reunions. Go with God.###imported-begin###Peggy Leishman Chaplin###imported-end##

December 30, 2009 at 11:58 PM



“ Sharon & Family,
Merle will be missed by all that knew him. He always had a smile on his face and was willing to help in anyway he could. We feel blessed to have known him.
Kert, Cara, Emily & Justin###imported-begin###Kert & Cara Johnson###imported-end##

December 30, 2009 at 10:35 PM



“ We are very sorry to hear about your loss- We have known Merle for many years-- our prayers and thoughts will be with you and your family- Bill and Stella Heston###imported-begin###Bill and Stella Heston###imported-end##

December 30, 2009 at 08:30 PM



“ Merle was a great man and a fine asset to us at Moses Pointe. We enjoyed having him not just as an annual pass holder for years, but as a friend. Whenever we needed anything, Merle was quick to volunteer his time and expertise. All of us at Moses Pointe will miss him greatly.###imported-begin###Joel Moberly###imported-end##

December 30, 2009 at 04:50 PM



“ I am one of the many people who traveled the road of life with Merle. We started our journey at a young age and continued with our families. Our families grew and made the journey with us. We enjoyed life as it was, working and having fun. Sherrie and family along with mine and many others will miss him so much. We will go on and remember all of the good times. Sherrie and family we will always be there for you. God Bless Jay and Lil###imported-begin###Jay & Lillian Sooter###imported-end##

December 30, 2009 at 04:11 PM



“ Merle was a friend for life to a great number of lucky people and he enriched our lives simply by being such a warm, caring and gentle man. Sherri, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. May you find comfort in all your favorite memories of Merle and knowing that his multitude of friends hold him in such high esteem.##imported-begin##Donna Sooter Walden##imported-end##

December 30, 2009 at 03:03 PM



“ Dear Sharon, Our hearts are so heavy with the loss of our very special friend, Merle. We will miss our visits each year as we return to Moses Lake. Bob will miss his golfing buddy. Our deepest prayers and sympathy are with you as you face the future. Love, Beth and Bob##imported-begin##Beth and Bob Gibson##imported-end##

December 30, 2009 at 12:53 PM



“ Classmate MLHS 1957-1959##imported-begin## Mr. Lynn (Jack) Smoot##imported-end##

December 30, 2009 at 04:17 AM



“ Sherri and family, I am deeply saddened to hear about Merle. The world has lost a great man. I am so glad we were able to chat at the reunion this summer. In high school, I remember his car, his pride and joy (38 Chev?) that had the coolest looking clear plastic fuel lines and a huge wood ball on the shifter. We would gather pocket change, gas up and ride from A&W to Dog and Suds, back and forth until that two gallons of gas was gone. In recent years I have had a chance for a chat with Merle at the summer Bank's family reunions. What great memories. I will miss that handshake when we would meet, that huge hand that always said "friend - really good to see you again".

Please accept my heartfelt condolences.

-LR, Kirkland, WA##imported-begin##Larry Ryan##imported-end##

December 30, 2009 at 12:52 AM



“ Sherrie - our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family - it was so great to see you and Merle this summer at the reunion - he will be greatly missed

Terry & Sharon##imported-begin##Terry & Sharon
Boyle##imported-end##

December 30, 2009 at 12:37 AM



“ Merle was such a bright spot in Moses Lake High School. With his smile he always welcomed everyone, and everyone could feel his love. He was a giant of a man. My prayers go out for his family and loved ones.##imported-begin##Dick Nanto, Clifton,
Virginia##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 11:15 PM



“ my dear friend merle. there is no way to express the love and memories that we have shared over the past years. i cant remember not knowing you. we shared so many great times with the guys. you will be sorely missed by all who have been left behind. the void that has been left will be felt by many. thanks so much for all your work in trying to keep the class of 59 together. luv ya man. bob###imported-begin###bob pool###imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 10:37 PM



“ Sherry, we are so saddened to hear of Merle's passing. He was such a wonderful person. Knowing he is in a better place now will help ease the pain. You and your family are in our prayers. Much love, David and Joan###imported-begin###David and Joan Lobie###imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 09:21 PM



“ We are heartbroken. We have lost a great friend. Merle and I grew up together on the Peninsula and have many good memories of all the fun boys can have. Merle was always such a gentle man, always putting others feelings before his own. We will miss him, but know we will see him again in Paradise. God bless you Sharon.###imported-begin###Morry and Carla Landon###imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 08:12 PM



“ I am truly sadden by Merle's passing. He always made me feel welcome as I came home from Ohio. I am glad I got to talk to him at the last reunion.

He will sorely be missed by me. i will never forget his coming up to Lake Spokane and finishing up the wiring on the house I built. He was a master electrician that made an ovewhelling task look easy.

As ever,

Richard Byrd##imported-begin##Richard Byrd##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 07:43 PM

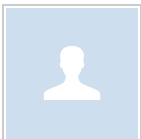


“ To the family and friends of Merle

So many years have passed since I left Moses Lake, yet the memories are still part of my life. My condolences to all who share in those special moments in time spent with Merle.

Larry and Darlene Gardner##imported-begin##Larry Gardner##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 06:15 PM



“ I have many great memories of Merle from my childhood. He was a very good friend to the Sooter family for many many years. Sheri I am thinking of you and your family - I am so very sorry for your loss. Jeannie Sooter##imported-begin##Jeannie Sooter ##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 06:10 PM



“ I have many fond memories of Merle. It seems as though nearly every weekend of my childhood involved some adventure with Merle and my Dad. All my sympathy to you and your family.##imported-begin##Jerry Sooter##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 05:39 PM



“ So many good years to remember and cherish. I'm sorry there weren't many, many more.##imported-begin##Karin O'Connor Davis##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 03:35 PM



“ Dear Sheri,

It has been many years since we have been together as friends and many miles separate us but I wanted you to know our hearts and prayers are with you. I do remember Merle as a kind gentle man. May the Lord be your comforter at this difficult time.... Love, Judy##imported-begin##Judy Mowery Horsley##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 02:59 PM



“ Dear Sherri and family; we were so sorry to hear, that Merle passed away. Merle was a "teddy bear", that had a gentle spirit, determination, and strength; an all-too-rare combination! The people who knew Merle, had the privilege of knowing, one special caring man!! His generosity, knew no bounds. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sincerely, Cathy & Paul##imported-begin##Paul & Cathy Kersey##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 02:45 PM



“ All my sympathy to you and your family. Merle will be very much missed.##imported-begin##Terry Selmyhr-Jones##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 02:38 PM



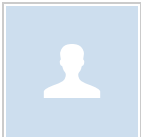
“ Sharon so sorry to here about Merle. I am so glad we got to see you guys last year. Our hearts and Prayers are with you. If you everycome to Alaska again stop and see us. Love Ray and MArgie##imported-begin##Ray and MArgie Prichard##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 01:37 PM



“ Sherrie, My heart breaks for you. Merle was such a great guy. I got to know him better this last year. May God hold you in His arms at this sad, sad time. I pray for you and your family. Love, Beth Mahn##imported-begin##Beth Mahn##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 12:21 PM



“ What a giant of a man. We will miss him greatly.##imported-begin##Don & Cathy Glaesemann##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 12:43 AM



“ *We are very saddened by the loss of a great friend. Merle was always there when we needed him, and will be missed by many of us. We know he now has no more pain, but our hearts are heavy with his loss in our lives. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*

*Gene & Bonnie##imported-begin##Gene & Bonnie
Polhamus##imported-end##*

December 28, 2009 at 09:46 PM