



Paul Thompson Ballard

June 22, 2023

Paul Thompson Ballard, aged 68, died June 22, 2023 in Moses Lake WA, after a two year battle with gastric cancer.

Paul is survived by his beloved Basset Hound Charlie, his mother, Anne Ballard, Moses Lake, WA; sister Betsy (Gary) Bjorklund, Moses Lake, WA; brother Mark (Cindy) Ballard Moses Lake, WA; sister Barbara Gillick, Windsor CO; Niece Jamie (Michael) Olson, Moses Lake, WA; Nephews, Brian (Carley) Bjorklund, Cashmere, WA; Jordan Ballard, Pullayup, WA; Brent Ballard, Everett, WA; Timothy (Bianca) Sellers, Severance, CO; Mitchell (Kitty) Sellers, Shawnee, KS and numerous great nieces and nephews, cousins, his extended family and numerous life long friends and neighbors. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Ballard.

Paul was born and raised in Moses Lake, WA. Paul graduated from Moses Lake High School in 1973. After high school graduation, he attended Big Bend Community College, participating in the welding program. Paul continued to call Moses Lake his hometown for the majority of his adult life. As a teen/young adult, Paul worked at Farm Management in Moses Lake. As an adult, Paul worked at McCain Foods in Othello and Columbia Colstor in Quincy where he was a forklift operator. Paul retired from Columbia Colstor in late 2018.

Paul loved to travel and went to several of the Hawaiian Islands, went on several cruises to the Caribbean, Mexico, the Panama Canal and Alaska.

Paul made several trips to visit the McQuaide's, his New Jersey family. Upon

retirement, Paul traveled to Scotland and Ireland organized through the Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce, one of his bucket list trips. Paul's ultimate bucket list trip was traveling to Australia and New Zealand. Paul had the trip of a lifetime all booked in January of 2023 and sadly became ill a few days before his departure.

Paul loved golfing and would go whenever he had the opportunity. Paul also loved to snowmobile in the winter with family and friends. Paul kept active by walking daily with his dog Charlie. He took up fishing after retirement as well. Paul was a "Parrot Head" and enjoyed Jimmy Buffet. He was fortunate to see him in concert at Red Rocks in Colorado.

Paul cherished time with his family and friends. Paul was involved in everyone's life and always interested in what everyone was doing.

Paul didn't know a stranger. He was a friend to all. Paul was a storyteller to all who would listen and will be remembered not only for his tall tales but the sense of humor that went along with them.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to Assured Hospice of Moses Lake and Adult Family Center in Moses Lake for the care, kindness, and compassion they showed Paul and the family over the last days of his life. In Lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice. A celebration of Paul's life will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ Barb and Mark and the rest of the family. I'm so so sorry to hear about Paul. I saw him about 10 years ago at my moms house and enjoyed talking with him along with my brothers Mark and Mike. He remembers my dad always inviting him over for taco on Tuesday and believe me that was a mistake because he literally would show up ever Tuesday, besides we always loved having him over. RIP Paul your friends and family are going to miss you.
The Bohn family

marty bohn - July 01, 2023 at 03:23 PM

NB

“ Thinking and praying for you all. May wonderful memories give you some comfort during this painful time. God bless, Bob and Noreen Berget

Noreen Berget - June 29, 2023 at 04:21 PM

AH

“ We will miss our chats with Paul as he made his daily rounds walking the neighborhood. Our sincere condolences to the Ballard and Bjorklund families.

Alan & Phyllis Hirai - June 29, 2023 at 12:38 PM

JA

“ I really enjoyed talking with you, and hearing about all your trips that you had taken. You will be miss Paul. Rest in peace my friend.

Janrt - June 29, 2023 at 11:10 AM

LR

“ *Ballard family, so sorry to read of your loss. Only through Christ in our lives can we deal with the grief a loss such as this brings. The reunion will be wonderful!* ”

Larry & Katie Rigsby - June 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM

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“ *Wendy S. lit a candle in memory of Paul Ballard* ”



Wendy S. - June 27, 2023 at 07:41 PM