



Ralph Moore

December 21, 1949 - March 28, 2016

Ralph V Moore took his farming skills and laughter to heaven on March 28, 2016.

He was born December 21, 1949 in the small town of Hay Washington. Here began a lifelong passion for farming, instilled in him by his parents, James and Clara Moore. He worked various farming, construction, and mechanic jobs in the northwest before landing in Ephrata, Washington.

Ralph briefly operated a mechanic shop in Ephrata, with his brother William (Bill) Moore in the early 1970's.

In 1972, he married Sandie Trunkey and made a home with her, and her three children in Ephrata. Together, they had his only daughter, Kim.

He joined the Grant County PUD in 1975 as a Mechanic, primarily at Wanapum Dam.

In 1985 he was approached by his grandmother, Dorothy Burgess. Knowing Ralph's love for farming, she asked Ralph if he would be willing to take over the family farm near Kahlotus, WA. Ralph jumped at the opportunity to farm his own crops. He maintained his PUD career, and became a successful dry land wheat farmer and cattle rancher in his "off time".

Ralph met the love of his life in a pizza parlor in 1992. He and Judi were married in 1995 and their love was sealed in the Mormon Temple May 3rd 2012. They spent their free time spoiling their combined grand children on their expanded 70 acre homestead in rural Warden, WA.

Ralph retired from Grant County PUD in 2005. He was diagnosed with Bone Cancer shortly after retirement. During his treatment, visitors could typically find his room by listening for the audience of medical staff that he was making laugh. Treatment challenged his attendance at the farm, but his determination and passion for life kept him moving.

In retirement, he greatly reduced his farming activities in favor of traveling in their motor home. They regularly wintered in Arizona where they explored the desert in their Rhino.

He was well known for his honesty, pride in all he did, his solid work ethic, and love of farming. He will be remembered for his handshake and smile, his laughter in conversation and his devoted faith. He found peace in a wheat field, from meticulously planting the seed in the ground, to watching the mature crop wave in the gentle breeze.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judi Moore, his daughter Kim & Brent Barclay; step daughter Michelle and Shane McKibben; step son Devon and Tanja Cullum; 2 Grandchildren, and 2 Great Grandchildren; his mother Clara Moore, sister Ruth Martin and brother William Moore. He is preceded in death by his father James Moore, and sister, Lois Moore.

Funeral services will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 1017 S County Rd, Warden WA on Thursday March 31, 2016 at 2pm, followed by Graveside services at Sunset Memorial Gardens on Road

“U” SE, South of Warden WA.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

9934 Road U SE
Warden, WA

Previous Events

Service

MAR 31. 2:00 PM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“Ralph came back to the family farm in Kahlotus about the time I started with the then USDA, ASCS office in Pasco. EVERY and I mean EVERY visit Ralph made to our office to do his ASCS (now FSA) business, he wore that familiar "from the inside-out smile". The kindest and most patient farm producer that I and the staff over the years here had the pleasure and honor to serve. Even during the 10-year battle, if we didn't already know about the cancer, we'd have never known because the disposition of who he sincerely was would never allow it, but too he was also a "family" customer and he would answer questions and share his life including the battle with us as if he had invited us into his Kitchen for a cup of coffee. Family trips, struggles and successes on the farm and work with the Dam and fun and funny stories he always shared - it really never felt like work with his visits. Paper work was probably one of his least favorite things to do and he looked to each of us with trust and gratefulness for the help we could offer - 'just tell me where to sign'.

We will - I will - miss the smiling cowboy from Kahlotus.

Hey Ralph - love the view of the Snake and Blues from the top of your place - a piece of heaven for sure...aaaannd... thanks for gettin the horses out of the CRP so quickly ;>).

God bless you all Moore family, thoughts and sincere prayers for you for sure.

Sincerely,

*Bruce Clatterbuck
County Executive Director (Franklin County FSA)*

Bruce Clatterbuck - March 31, 2016 at 07:46 PM

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“ I had the privilege of knowing Ralph through work at Wanapum Dam and met again at SCCA. He had just finished his second transplant as I went in for my first. You are in our thoughts and we send our condolences. RIP Ralph, my friend.

Jack and Lynne Wilson

Jack Wilson - March 31, 2016 at 06:30 PM