



Robert H Ottmar

June 25, 1943 - April 22, 2018

The heart of our family; Robert H. Ottmar, age 74; was called to join his family and friends; that passed before him; in heaven on Sunday, April 22nd, 2018 after a long term battle with heart disease. He was blessed and comforted knowing his family and friends were with him at the end because family gatherings were what he cherished most.

Born Robert H. Ottmar on June 25th, 1943 to George and Irene Ottmar, Bob was the eldest of their five children. He felt blessed when he gained two additional brothers later in life.

Losing his own father at a very young age, Bob's task in life was to carry on the traditions, values, and family history he was so very proud of. He dedicated his life to living the "old cowboy" way.

Bob was blessed with two sons; Joe and Kelly . Bob was so very proud of both of his sons and their lifelong accomplishments. He always let them know how much he loved them and how very proud he was of them.

And when his two grandchildren; Kayla and Coy "CJ" were brought into his life, "Pa Bob" was over the moon with pride and joy.

Kayla followed Bob's love for the cowboy way of life through Rodeo. Bob was

a member of the RCA Rodeo Association in his early years as well as the team roping associations. He competed in Bareback and Saddle Bronc events. And when he was unable to compete anymore, he found a way to remain active in the Rodeo world by becoming a Professional Rodeo Photographer. In his lifetime, he never missed a performance of the Moses Lake Roundup.

Coy "C.J" followed Bob's love of fishing and Dutch oven Cooking. CJ was Bob's fishing buddy and many hours were spent going fishing together. Bob was an avid Competition Bass Fisherman in his early years. Helping his Pa build the Chuckwagon gave C.J the opportunity to learn the value of traditional ways of life.

Throughout Bob's life, he had many accomplishments. From careers in welding, Pro Rodeo Photography, owning a four wheel drive shop, becoming a Grant County Sherriff Deputy, volunteer firefighter, to becoming a welding instructor at Job Corp; just to name a few.

Bob found his true calling on this earth; which was keeping alive the Old West way of life by becoming a well known Saddle Maker and Leatherman with his "Ottmar Saddlery" shop, as well as Dutch Oven Cooking with the Chuckwagon he built from the wheels up. It wasn't long before he was making appearances all over with that chuckwagon, and with Randy Russell by his side, he educated all who would listen about this way of life.

Bob wrote and published his famous dutch oven cookbook and there wasn't a time he didn't have one close by to share with others.

Bob was the kindest, sweetest, most gentle man; with the biggest heart. I am blessed to have had him as my father-in-law and will treasure every moment spent with him and every memory we made.

Bob is survived by his two sons; Joe Ottmar (wife Denyse) and Kelly Ottmar (girlfriend Melanie), grandchildren; Kayla and Coy; brothers, Garry Ottmar, Larry Ottmar, Todd McLain and James McLain; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Irene, father George, infant sister Katherine and brother Howard.

He treasured each and every person who came into his life. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the following people: The Russell Family, The Melcher Family, The Thomas Family, The Friswold Family, Bob Bitton, as well as so many others. You truly blessed our family with your help and support through these past few weeks .

Bob's celebration of his life will be held at Columbia Basin Elks Lodge, Moses Lake on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

Please sign the online guestbook or share a memory with family.

Tribute Wall

CG

“ *Coralee Gill lit a candle in memory of Robert H Ottmar*



Coralee Gill - May 08, 2018 at 01:07 PM

LG

“ *If there was ever a person that you could point to and say, "I want to be like you"...It was Cowboy Bob. Thank you, Bob Ottmar, for all your kind deeds, gentle spirit and willingness to go the extra mile to help anyone! Rest in pain-free peace dear man.*

Larry Godden - 1 second ago

Larry Godden - May 07, 2018 at 12:26 PM

BR

“ Rest easy now Cowboy Bob. It will be hard to see that seat at the end of the bar without seeing our friend there with a warm smile and waiting hug. He was a special man, true cowboy and friend. He blessed us with so many gifts including amazing recipes, beautiful photography, lovely leather gems and stories of days gone by. We feel honored to call him friend. See you at the rodeo Bob. We'll save your seat.

With love,
Bob and Sherry Russell



bob and sherry russell - May 02, 2018 at 11:24 PM

LS

“ Could not have chosen a kinder or sweeter man to share grandparent duties with. Thanks for the special gifts you gave to Larry and I and for sharing years of holidays together. Lots of fun times and good food. We are going to miss you greatly but know we will all be together again. Keep the rolls raising. Eternal rest now, and God's peace.

Larry and Anita Sather - May 01, 2018 at 11:18 PM

MM

“ When we were younger we enjoyed some fun times together. We treasure our memories of Bob, and love that he found ways to keep the “Old West” alive. We’re sorry we can’t be there to celebrate Bob’s life with his family and lifetime friends, but our prayers are with you all. Our hearts will always treasure the memories of a man whose life was well lived. God, Family and Friends first! Mike & Joyce Mulliken

Mike & Joyce Mulliken - April 27, 2018 at 06:23 PM

KK

“ You were a special kind of guy Bob. You'll be missed and remembered for a long time to come.

Ken Kernan - April 27, 2018 at 03:04 PM

MW

“ You were truly an amazing father in law and I promise to always care and love your youngest boy. Rest In Peace Bob❤️



Melanie Woodward - April 27, 2018 at 12:16 AM

RS

“ He was a kind man who always had time for you.

Randy Sandberg - April 26, 2018 at 11:26 PM

CR

“ Chris And Tony Rose lit a candle in memory of Robert H Ottmar



Chris and Tony Rose - April 26, 2018 at 08:33 PM

CR

So loved and will be missed by so many. Our love and prayers for Bob's entire family.

Chris and Tony Rose - April 26, 2018 at 08:34 PM

LT

We thought the world of Bob. Always had a smile on his face and a kind word even when he wasn't feeling well. I know our lives are better having known this kind,gentle man.We love you Bob and will miss you terribly. Our condolences to the family and all the people Bob impacted.Rest now my friend

linda thomas - April 29, 2018 at 05:57 PM

JB

“ There are so many fond memories to share. Our love goes out to all the family 🙏



Judy Brady - April 26, 2018 at 07:00 PM

LU

“ *Lucy lit a candle in memory of Robert H Ottmar*



Lucy - April 26, 2018 at 06:54 PM

JB

“ *Judy Balsavich lit a candle in memory of Robert H Ottmar*



Judy Balsavich - April 26, 2018 at 06:41 PM

RM

“ *Ray Moog lit a candle in memory of Robert H Ottmar*



Ray Moog - April 26, 2018 at 08:08 AM

DL

“ *David H Lobie lit a candle in memory of Robert H Ottmar*



David H Lobie - April 25, 2018 at 10:50 PM

MM

“ I can see it now, the old chuck wagon parked under a cool shade tree and the black iron pots over the campfire. The aroma of great vittles cooking mixes with the pungent odors wafting over from the near-by rodeo grounds. And there sits Bob, his well worn cowboy hat tilted back and a big smile smeared across his face! You made it pardner, to the Heavenly Rodeo and ultimate cook-out. We will miss you down here but will always treasure memories of you and all the stories we shared over coffee at McDonald's. You are one of the good ones!



MARVIN AND MARY MASLEN - April 24, 2018 at 04:22 PM

DH

“ Rest peacefully Uncle Bob, I will truly miss you you were a golden soul, wonderful cook & much much more!



Darolyn Hauff - April 23, 2018 at 06:18 PM

DH

“ Darolyn Hauff lit a candle in memory of Robert H Ottmar



Darolyn Hauff - April 23, 2018 at 06:15 PM

MM

“ Miss you so much Bob !! My prayers to your family, Like I told you last time I saw you Bob you will always be my brother.

marolyn martinez - April 23, 2018 at 03:43 PM



“ *My Deepest Sympathy to Bob's family. He was a kind and friendly man, who will be missed by many. Rest well my friend until we meet again.*



Denise Hancock - April 23, 2018 at 02:38 PM