



Robert "Ty" Ballinger

October 24, 1932 - July 21, 2024

Robert "Ty" Ballinger was born in Ransom County, North Dakota on October 24, 1932. Ty passed from this world on July 21, 2024, at the age of ninety-one in Moses Lake, Washington where he had lived for 62 years.

Ty was raised on a farm in Eastern North Dakota, and graduated from Lisbon High School. During high school, he participated in football, basketball, and track and was a member of the State Championship Basketball Team. Ty then moved on to Concordia University in Moorhead, Minnesota where he was a four-year varsity athlete on the football team and graduated with a B.S. Degree in Science. Ty returned to his alma mater and taught and coached at Lisbon, ND High School until he moved his family to Missoula Montana to pursue a graduate degree at the University of Montana. Ty received his master's degree in physical education and moved to Moses Lake, Washington as a charter member of the faculty at the newly established Big Bend Community College in 1962. Ty served as a professor and administrator at Big Bend College until 1977. He left Big Bend to join Schaeffer Manufacturing Company as a Regional Sales Representative. Ty stayed in this position for 46 years, retiring at 89 years old in 2023. While at Schaeffer he received many awards including National Sales Rep of the Year, the Diamond Circle Club, The Marty J Schwab Award, and induction into the Schaeffer Hall of Fame.

Ty married Artis Ann Herk in 1954 and is survived by her and their three children: Jeri Ann Laam of Orofino, Idaho, Jay Ballinger of Moses Lake,

Washington, and Kami Thompson of Portland, Oregon.

In addition, Ty is survived by his two sons-in-law Rick Laam and John Thompson, and his daughter-in-law Renee Tanael-Ballinger. Ty is also survived by eight grandchildren: Lisa (Ed Sawyer) Laam Sawyer, Leslie (Justin Walden) Laam, Laura (Tim Bartholomew) Laam Bartholomew, Bradley (Rungnapa) Ballinger, Alexis (Caitlin Eliason) Ballinger, Nathan (Christina Tran) Thompson, Kendall Thompson, Rachel Thompson. Ty also had four great-grandchildren: Alec Sawyer, Fox Bartholomew, Sylvia Bartholomew, and Saheed Thompson.

Funeral services for Ty will be held at Moses Lake Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 6, 2024. A reception will be held the same day beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Moses Lake Golf and Country Club.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 6. 2:00 PM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church
1142 W. Ivy
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

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“ He was an amazing dancer loved that man a beautiful gentleman will always remember him 🤍💙

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“ Ty- a gentleman of many interests! I envision Ty currently taking harp lesson from King David, asking St. Paul about the cities he visited and debating beer versus ale with Martin Luther. I base this on remembering that Ty and I discussed building character through sports, the pros and cons of liturgical worship and African Americans we admired. His photograph "museum" (of which I was given a private tour) epitomizes to me this eclectic viewpoint of a man I consider a friend.

God's peace,
Louis Logan

Louis Logan - August 21, 2024 at 03:27 PM

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Ty asked me to dance once. I declined. He urged me to accept. At the time, I was very, very unsteady on my feet after cancer treatments. I should have placed my confidence in him! Some invites come strongly only once. Failing to accept that dance has remained a lesson, and a gnawing regret.

Save me a dance, Ty Ballinger; I'll be there as soon as possible, dear soul. 🙏🕊

C. Elisabeth Strole Murrell - September 01, 2024 at 02:26 PM