



Robert "Bob" Fode

November 19, 1936 - February 23, 2010

Robert "Bob" Fode died peacefully at home on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. He was born on November 19, 1936 in Lind, WA to John and Emelia (Pflugrath) Fode. He attended Lind schools for 12 years. In high school he played football and was very active in Future Farmers of America winning numerous ribbons for his livestock at fairs and the Spokane Junior Livestock Show. He attended Washington State College (WSU) for two years where he met Melinda Dirks. They were married on September 9, 1956 and have lived in Moses Lake since. In 1964 they purchased a farm in Block 41 where they lived until selling in 1995 and building a shop and home at their present address. Bob has always worked, even while owning the farm, beginning at the sugar factory the first year of their marriage. He also worked for Shinn Irrigation and Boeing before going to work as a petroleum truck driver for Western Farmers Assn where he worked for 19 years. He then worked for the Chevron distributor as a petroleum truck driver until his retirement in March of 2000. The shop was built before the house on the lot because Bob had always enjoyed doing woodworking and he intended to have it set up and supplied before he would retire. After the house was built and moved into, Bob began doing some of his woodworking in earnest. After his retirement he kept improving and adding to his shop and getting more requests for woodworking from his children and grandchildren and even some neighbors. His shop was his pride next to his daughters and grandchildren. Many family members and some community members enjoy his finished projects. As the signs in his

shop say "Wood is a Terrible Thing to Waste". Bob is survived by his wife Melinda, his daughters Dianne Fode (Laird) of Portland, OR, Karen (Kelly) Hoff of Lynnwood, WA and Linda (Hans) Schmidt of Ephrata; five grandchildren, Christopher and Kelsy Lindblad of Lynnwood, WA and Martina, Chloe and Gabrielle Schmidt of Ephrata. Also surviving are two brothers, Ruben (Pat) of Lind, WA and Roy (Patty) of Moses Lake and two sisters, Ruth (Bob) Welch of Cheney, WA and Doris (Bob) Mynk of Frankston, Texas and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Carol Benzel. He will be greatly missed, especially for his jokes with his children and grandchildren. At his request there will be no services. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers tell a joke, plant corn in your garden or make something from wood; or donate to a charity of your choice. You may sign the guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com

Tribute Wall



“ I have so many great memories of Bob. It all started with a late night snipe hunt. He equiped me with a 7 iron, a burlap sack and sent me out to the field. I remember all the of the punch lines to jokes that he kept tucked in his wallet. The way he told the joke was usually way better that the joke itself. His great laugh would start about a minute before the punch line so you knew it was going to be funny. Bob was a great person and I feel lucky to have known him. I also could not think of a better grandpa for Kelsy and Chris.##imported-begin##Craig Lindblad##imported-end##

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“ I have wonderful memories of Mr. Fode, his smile, jokes and wonderful sense of humor! He always had a sparkle in his eye and was a lot of fun to be with! My thoughts are with Mrs Fode, Dianne, Linda and Karen - love to you all!##imported-begin##Laurie Fenkner "Fink"##imported-end##

February 27, 2010 at 02:56 PM



“ God Bless##imported-begin##Richard & Linda Lindblad##imported-end##

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“ Our hearts are with you Aunt Melinda, we love you always. Leonard, Darren, Laura, Joel and Jason##imported-begin##Leonard Dirks, Darren Dirks, Laura Dirks, Joel Dirks and Jason Dirks##imported-end##

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“ *Linda and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.##imported-begin##Melissa Proffitt (Missy Steinmetz)##imported-end##*

February 26, 2010 at 11:19 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I taught school in Moses Lake, had your daughter(Diane) as a student and as my baseball scorekeeper in Junior High. Carl Stolz and I also hunted on your land for pheasants. My wife and I have resided in Arizona now for the last eight years. My best to all your family.*

Ray Moore##imported-begin##Ray Moore##imported-end##

February 26, 2010 at 05:17 PM



“ It is with great sadness that I write this message of tribute to you, as I just recently learned of Mr. Fode's passing.

To Mrs. Fode, Diane, Karen, and Linda;

Your husband and father was truly a great man. I sincerely believe that he was one of the "good guys", a rare person that comes along only now and then. Those who had the opportunity to know him were lucky, those that he was a part of their family, were blessed. When I look back, I realize how fortunate I was to have been able to share a small part of him with you. In my impressionable years, he had a positive impact on me, something that I will always be grateful for. To the Fode family, thank you.

I will always remember him as a kind man, with a refreshing sense of humor. He was ethical, and had a strong sense of values. He was the perfect father for his three daughters, and it was obvious to me that he loved his family very much. Even in later years, when I would see him, he always tell me about his daughters. He was so very proud of you all.

My heart goes out to the Fode family in this difficult time. I pray that God will ease the hurt that you have in your hearts and replace it with only memories of good and happy times that you had with your husband and father.

God Bless you.

With deepest sympathy;

Dave Ruffin##imported-begin##David Ruffin##imported-end##

February 26, 2010 at 12:52 PM



“ *Melinda, Linda, Karen & Family*

I was so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I don't ever think I saw him without a smile on his face. Hold his memory close, it will help get you thru the tough times. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Darla Ruffin Mast##imported-end##

February 25, 2010 at 09:51 PM