



Roger Edwards

June 3, 1940 - February 27, 2015

Roger R. Edwards, 74, a Moses Lake Resident since 1974, joined his Heavenly Father on Friday, February 27, 2015. A celebration of Roger's Life will be held on Saturday March 7th at 1:00 pm at the Moses Lake Elks Lodge ~ 814 N. Stratford Road. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserchapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Born on June 3, 1940 to Robert Andrew Edwards and Francis Alberta Thompson in Ellensburg WA he was the 4th born of five siblings: Bob Edwards, Francis Mundy, Doreen McKee, and Dorothy Turner. Roger graduated from Ellensburg High School in June of 1959 and then joined the US Navy in August of 1959 and was a Navy Corpsman Medic. He was honorably discharged in August of 1963 and moved home to Ellensburg to ranch with his dad and brother, where he met the love of his life Gaynor Lynn Gamble of Kittitas. They were married April 15, 1967 in Ellensburg and would have celebrated their 48th Anniversary in 2015. In 1969 while still living on the ranch in Ellensburg, they had Stacey Jo and then moved to Moscow, Idaho where Kelly Irene was born in 1971. Roger worked at the WSU Veterinary Science Pathology Research Department prior to moving to Royal City in 1972 where he worked for Sax Fleming Feedlot.

Roger and Gaynor moved their family to Moses Lake in 1974. They established a well-known reputation for boarding and training horses and held many social activities at their arena. Family and friends joined them in team

roping, cow cutting, horse training clinics, dog trials, musical jam sessions, card games and lots of coffee.

Roger became a livestock brand inspector in 1975 where he enjoyed traveling, meeting new people and making lifetime friends everywhere he went. He retired from that job in 2003 after 28 years.

His love of livestock and the cowboy way allowed him to share his abilities as a mentor and trainer of horses and dogs. His time was devoted to guiding anyone willing to learn. He had advice whether you asked for it or not.

Roger loved the rodeo lifestyle and encouraged his kids and their friends to be involved with rodeo by supplying horses to ride, facilitating opportunities to participate, showing patience while practicing, and sharing his time and skills.

He loved music in all venues from dancing, singing, playing guitar or just listening to the old country station while working or playing. He had a beautiful Irish Tenor voice that he shared by singing at weddings and funerals.

Roger was known for being endearing, precocious in nature, had a smile like the proverbial cat who ate the canary. He led and lived by example. He didn't allow negative talk. He had a love of sports, was competitive, loved to play, everything was a game or a joke. He never met a stranger and made sure to make others feel better about themselves. Nothing intimidated him and he loved a challenge.

He loved a good game of cribbage and the challenge of being the champ or the chump. Pinochle games were a common pass-time in their household.

He did dishes, ironed clothes, cooked, cleaned house, built fence, rode horses, trained dogs and kids. He set a really high bar for any man to step into his girls' lives and was proud of the men they married....but told the son-in-laws to "keep working at it".

He always set the bar high and once obtained, he'd raise it again. His expectations were high and he pushed all those around him to strive for better.

The Concept of "Can't" wasn't allowed and he always encouraged his kids to strive for their dreams. His passion for life was contagious and his smile was

infectious. His wink could always make Gaynor's face turn red. He wanted it said at the end that "He did it his way" as long as Gaynor said it was okay. Roger is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Gaynor; two daughters, Stacey Jo (Kevin) Downton of Moses Lake and Kelly (Aaron) Raap of Ephrata. An honorable son, Jon (Janae) Gamble. He and Gaynor at different periods of time, shared their home and their love with others such as Amy (Renner) York of Rock Island and considered them as family. He is also survived by four Grandchildren: Bailey Jo Heath, Cooper Raap, Julianne and Jay Gamble. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you would "take the time" to help a kid succeed.

Previous Events

Service

MAR 7. 2:00 PM (PT)

Elks Lodge #1930
814 N. Stratford Road
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

ES

“ Dear Gaynor and Family, so many great stories shared here. May his spirit continue to be an important part of the Edwards clan. We share your grief and shall continue to keep you in our prayers. Love from your cousins.....Dave & Evie (Edwards) Scott, Kent, WA

Evelyn (Edwards) Scott - March 06, 2015 at 01:57 PM

AP

“ Dear Gaynor and Family, My sincere condolences go to you and all the members of your family. It has been a pleasure to know Roger and you for many years. Roger was a very pleasant person to meet and to know. He was always friendly and upbeat and never seemed to be down although these later years with all the health issues he had. Let your fond memories help you through these difficult days ahead. May God Bless you all.
Alice Parker

Alice Parker - March 05, 2015 at 11:53 PM

TM

“ Dear Gaynor & Family: We were so shocked to hear of Roger's passing. What a great guy, Tommy has many stories of when they grew up together on the Naneum. Our deepest condolences and sympathy to all of you. We are sorry that we will not be able to attend the service on Saturday, our prayers go out to you all. Hugs,
Tommy & Ginger Morrison

Tom & Ginger Morrison - March 05, 2015 at 06:26 PM

JA

“ Gaynor and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers

Sincerely,
Jesse Avery

Jesse Avery - March 04, 2015 at 05:42 PM

BS

“ Roger was a very special and likeable person and will be terribly missed by many people. My deepest sympathies to Gaynor, Stacey and Kelly and their families.

Barbara Sharp - March 03, 2015 at 10:37 PM

MH

“ To Gaynor n the family. Sorry for the loss of your husband, father, n grandfather. It has been a privilege to know Rodger n to haved worked with him through my high school years.. Sending my condolences to my dear teaher Mrs Edwards from Titus n Melissa hofer.

melissa hofer - March 03, 2015 at 09:40 PM

DW

“ I remember a 4 of July bbq at their house probably around 1977. My Dad met him when he was a kid in Ellensburg Wa. We always had respect for the Edwards family and always will. God got a gift back!

Donald Williams - March 03, 2015 at 08:43 PM

TH

“ Sending our prayers and love to the family.

Jim, Theda, and Hollee Haney (Shipley)

Theda - March 03, 2015 at 08:43 PM

IM

“ I will always remember hanging out with uncle Roger at the Quincy horse sales. Then there was the time I spent a few weeks at their place and we roped almost every night and worked colts in the barn. Great man, he won't be forgotten by anyone who was fortunate enough to ever meet or know him.

Ian Mundy - March 03, 2015 at 07:37 PM

DT

“ Fly high my beloved brother, so so many wonderful memories, I will miss you deeply
Love you Dottie

Dottie Turner - March 03, 2015 at 04:27 PM

DO

“ Gaynor, Stacey , Kelly and their families-
Our hearts are heavy with the loss of such a great man. Always positive, always with a smile and a kind word. Roger will be greatly missed and never forgotten. During your time of grief, always remember the love and pride he had and shared regarding his family. Your hearts will heal with the fond memories only he could leave behind. Our sincerest sympathy~

Joe and Denyse Ottmar

Denyse Ottmar - March 03, 2015 at 12:50 PM

FG

“ We had the privilege of meeting Roger & Gaynor through our daughter, Melissa. Our condolences to Gaynor and family. ~Fred & Jeannie Gilbertson, Creswell, Oregon

Fred & Jeannie Gilbertson - March 02, 2015 at 11:10 PM

CK

“ To Gaynor, Stacey, Kelly, and family; Our hearts are breaking for all the Edwards family. We feel blessed to have known Roger, for so many years. His legacy will live through his family. He was a wonderful husband, Dad, and Grandpa. Being a horse and dog owner, was important to him. He was loved by each and everyone, who had the privilege of knowing him. Roger's zest for life was truly contagious. He made everyone with whom he came in contact with, feel special. What was unique about Roger, was that he truly valued the simple things in life, never taking a single moment for granted, always fortunate and thankful for the many blessings he received. He found fun everywhere, and took that love of life and humor with him, into every aspect of life. His family and friends will miss his gentle spirit, determination, & strength; an all-too-rare combination. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all! Love you, Cathy & Paul

Cathy Kersey - March 02, 2015 at 11:50 AM

KR

“ I first met Roger and Gaynor when I was maybe 14 years old. After high school I connected with them once again while I attended college in Ellensburg. They took me to several community country dances and Roger was a great dancer. I even baby sat their first child Stacy while I was going to college. Roger was a good husband to Gaynor and father to his two daughters. He will be missed by all who knew him but never forgotten. May he rest in peace and his family be comforted knowing he lived a good life was a friend to so many.

Karen Reffett - March 01, 2015 at 01:47 AM