



Ronald "Ron" Graff

December 12, 1937 - July 31, 2017

Ron Graff, age 79, longtime resident of Moses Lake, Washington, passed away on July 31st, 2017 at Samaritan Hospital from complications due to a stomach aneurysm. He was surrounded by family.

Ron retired as a welding instructor from Big Bend Community College after teaching for 26 years. He was beloved by his students and received many awards during his years of teaching welding including receiving the Award of Excellence from the American Welding Society (AWS) and the honor of Professor Emeritus from BBCC. Ron was a proud member of the American Legion Forty and Eight.

After retiring from education, Ron found a new passion in raising cattle and racing thoroughbreds at Emerald Downs with his wife and best friend, Kathy. He loved creating sculptures from metal in his spare time and could often be found fishing on the lake or watching his favorite team, the Seattle Seahawks. He leaves behind his wife Kathy Graff, his brother Leon (Joyce) Graff, his 2 daughters Dacquiri Graff and Brandee (James) Wolfe, his grandson Jett Kendall, his brother-in-law Gary (Sally) Culbert, and his many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, good friends, and his furry companions, Cookie and Tilly.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2017 at Kayser's Chapel of Memories.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 7. 2:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

GC

“ *Gregory J Cochran lit a candle in memory of Ronald "Ron" Graff*



Gregory J Cochran - April 03, 2020 at 05:19 AM

PT

“ *I met him thru a friend a great person*



paul d templeton - January 10, 2019 at 03:41 AM

KW

“ *I remember watching Ron and Kathy's horses when I was younger. It was my very first paying job when I was a kid. Ron was a sweet man. When I got my first "for real" job, selling knives, I remember Ron saying "these knives are probably gonna be from China. And you need work on your pitch there, but we'll buy something from you just because we care about ya." Very sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to the family. He was a much loved man who will be very missed. 💔 -Kassandra Wareham*

Kassandra Wareham - August 07, 2017 at 08:35 PM

Joe
Nitta

“ Ron left a very lasting impression on me. I first meet him when i was a Junior in High School, we got to take a 2 hour welding class at Big Bend. From the first Day we walked into his class and the way he told us what he expected i knew we were in for some hard work and fun at the same time. Which it was just that, if it would of been any other instructor we meet i know none of us would of learned anything but the basic let alone keep coming back. Ron's personality, sayings and the knowledge he conveyed to me still sticks with me to this day and in a way kinda sculpted part of my personality and definitely gave me the "love of steel". Thanks you Ron for going all out and teching this knucklehead so much. Your will be missed and for ever in my heart.

Joe Nitta - August 04, 2017 at 07:01 PM

KW

“ What a saddening shock when we heard of Ron's passing. I have known Ron since the early seventies when he was my BBCC welding instructor. Ron was one of the hardest working men I've ever known, always busy doing something. I worked with Ron on various jobs over the years. Ron never took the summer off. Later when Ron finely retired he enjoyed life to the fullest still busy as ever. He will be sorely missed. Our hearts and prayers are with you.
Kim & Kathy Wareham

KIM WAREHAM - August 04, 2017 at 06:28 AM

AC

“ We were saddened to hear of Ron's passing. Our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time. Ron is one of those larger than life people we will never forget. He was fun and full of laughter. He will be missed by many. All our love, Jason & Angie Clark

Angie Clark - August 03, 2017 at 02:37 PM

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Kathy Graff - August 03, 2017 at 01:50 PM

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Kathy Graff - August 03, 2017 at 01:46 PM

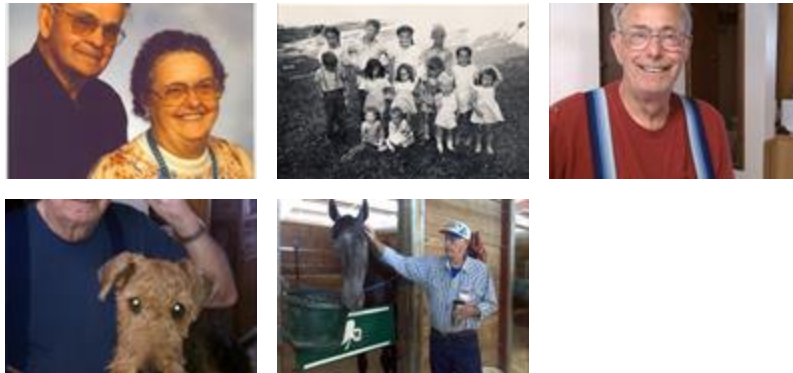
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Ron and I worked together at BBCC for 16 years. I have fond memories of him and his welding program. When I joined BBCC in the early 70s, the faculty played basketball in the gym. I was used to football, having played 3 years at UCLA. So the first time Ron Graff was between me and the ball, I thought I would knock him out of the way. Instead, I may as well have run into a brick wall, because I bounced off him like a rubber ball. Ron was a great guy and well appreciated and loved.

Tom Bennett - August 07, 2017 at 02:18 PM


Brandee
Graff

“ 6 files added to the album Ron Graff



Brandee Graff - August 03, 2017 at 01:30 PM

KK

I was shocked as I am sure many others were at news of Ron passing so abruptly. Will remember our times at the horse races, wish he could go through the rest area outside Portland at 70 mph in the pouring rain with us again.

Kathie King - August 04, 2017 at 03:50 PM

EF

So sorry to hear about Ron's passing. Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family.

Enokizono family - August 05, 2017 at 09:57 PM

BS

I have so many memories of my dear friend Ron! I will miss him dearly! Always loved his laugh! Thank you for being a part of my life! May you Rest In Peace and we shall meet again someday!

Brenda Schreiner - August 09, 2017 at 11:42 AM