



Ronald A. VanNurden

September 27, 1944 - June 12, 2010

Ronald A. Van Nurden, age 65, of Moses Lake Washington passed away on Saturday, June 12th, 2010 at Samaritan Hospital in Moses Lake. Inurnment will be at Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, Washington.

Born in Williston, North Dakota, he was the son of George and Lyles Van Nurden. Ron served as a helicopter crew chief in Viet Nam and upon his return worked at Bethlehem steel in Seattle for a short time before beginning his 39 year career in the sprinkler fitting trade. He married Gayle Sloper on December 20th 1980 and they lived in Kent, WA until their retirement in 2000. They then moved east to his favorite fishing destination, Moses Lake. He spent his retired years fishing, volunteering with the Audubon society and taking school aged children to the local wildlife refuge. He had a passion for teaching young kids about conservation and the vast wildlife of the area.

Ron is survived by his wife Gayle Van Nurden; their daughter Danielle Troupe of Tukwila, WA and her husband Aaron; his sister Darla Papel of Limon, CO; his sister Georgia (Coco) Kimmell of Las Vegas, NV and her husband Richard; his brother Kent Van Nurden of Kingman, AZ and his wife Mary; and numerous nieces and nephews throughout Washington, Oregon and Colorado.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Central Basin Audubon Society's ARK program at PO Box 86 Moses Lake, WA 98837. This helps

cover Audubon's expense for transportation of school age children to the Wildlife Refuge.

Tribute Wall



“ Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of Ron. He was a great friend and working partner.##imported-begin##Lee Torre##imported-end##

June 30, 2010 at 06:33 PM



“ Gail and Danielle

I cannot express the sadness for the sudden loss of Ron. We always enjoyed visits with him. We loved the tour he gave us of the real Moses Lake. Please let us know if there is anything at all that we can do. We love you and will miss Ron and his laugh and sense of humor. Love Kenny and Carey##imported-begin##Kenny and Carey Gannaw##imported-end##

June 23, 2010 at 01:15 PM



“ Danielle & Gayle,

I was surprised and saddened to hear about the loss of Ron. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you both and that he will be remembered. May the day come sooner than later when the joy of the memories outweigh the grief of his loss. He'll remain with you always.##imported-begin##Brenda Fincher##imported-end##

June 21, 2010 at 01:56 PM



“ My deepest Sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your husband. May God Bless his soul and may he rest in Peace.##imported-begin##Ronald Van Nurden##imported-end##

June 17, 2010 at 11:07 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Ronnie. You're in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Rich and Coco Kimmell##imported-end##

June 17, 2010 at 07:35 PM



“ Our deepest Sympathy to you and the family. We our thinking of you during this time. Sorry we couldn't be there.##imported-begin##Tim and Heidi Angermeier##imported-end##

June 17, 2010 at 07:27 PM



“ Dear Gayle, Danielle, and Aaron,
My thoughts and prayers will be with you during this time. I am deeply sorry for your loss. Over the past years I have enjoyed speaking with all of you.
With sincere sympathy,
Lucy Peek##imported-begin##Lucy Peek##imported-end##

June 17, 2010 at 11:36 AM



“ Daniel, I am so sorry for you loss. your dad was very much respected in the community. Loved to see articles about him in the paper. He was a very special person and will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your mom at this time.
Bill and gloria Murphy##imported-begin##Gloria Murphy##imported-end##

June 17, 2010 at 01:45 AM



“ Dear Gayle, Im sorry to hear about uncle Ronnie. I heard threw the grape vine that he had passed away. My thoughts and wishes are with you and Danielle. Love Mike###imported-begin###Michael Angermeier###imported-end###

June 16, 2010 at 09:54 PM



“ Dear Gayle, I'm sorry for your loss and for Audubon's loss. He did so much for the children and for the birds and other wildlife. And he was always so very kind and considerate. I can only concentrate on "Death is a messenger of joy; wherefore dost thou grieve?" It's happiness for him, but a time of grieving and remembering for us.###imported-begin###Joye Lucas###imported-end###

June 16, 2010 at 08:27 PM