



Roy "Hugh" Warnick, Sr.

April 25, 1922 - August 8, 2011

Roy "Hugh" Warnick, Sr., 89, longtime Moses Lake resident, passed away peacefully at his home Monday, August 8, 2011 with his loving wife of 65 years, Betty, by his side. Hugh was born April 25, 1922 in Yakima, Washington to Roy and Mary Warnick. He grew up in Yakima and graduated from Davis High School. He attended Yakima Valley Junior College and Perry Institute. Prior to his graduating and after the early death of his father, the family purchased a ranch in the beautiful Wenas Valley. Together with his wife Betty, mother Mary, and brothers Don, Jim and their families, they operated the Warnick Brothers' Guest Ranch for many years. Complete with a small airstrip it was a very popular stopover for people traveling over from the Coast. It was also a working dude ranch, farm, summer camp for girls, and the brothers guided elk hunters in the fall. Hugh met and married his dream girl, Betty Vickerman, of Rapid City, South Dakota after meeting in Yakima while both were obtaining their pilots' licenses. They shared a love of owning and flying small aircraft until they clipped a line and crash landed.

Deciding to move on to their next adventure, they moved to Ephrata and the Columbia Basin in 1953, eventually settling in Moses Lake and opening the Credit Bureau of Central Washington, Inc., in 1954. Together they ran this family business, still in operation by family after 50 years. Shortly after arriving they purchased a farm outside of Moses Lake and together raised seven

children as well as foster children. Hugh was a very hard worker who always kept busy and took great pride in all his endeavors. He recreated parts of the guest ranch on the farm, complete with a pond, summer hayrides and barbecues. It remains a memorable place for family gatherings and visits with friends. Hugh was an avid musician, especially on the piano and harmonica, known for his lively music and entertaining songs. He loved boating and waterskiing on Lake Chelan, being the gentleman farmer, puttering around in his renowned shop and reading. Hugh was involved throughout his life in Boy Scouts of America and was an enthusiastic volunteer and leader. He was a long time member of the Moses Lake Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce and various community services. Religion was very important to Hugh and he joined the Mormon Church in 1975.

Hugh is survived by his wife Betty of 65 years, son Roy and daughter-in-law Judy of Moses Lake, son Dale and daughter-in-law Karen, of Bellevue, daughter Taelor of Ephrata, son David and daughter-in-law Diane of Kirkland, daughter Lorry Shelby of Moses Lake, daughter Mitja Stansfield and son-in-law Tom of Bellevue, son Joe and daughter-in-law Samia of Saudi Arabia, foster daughter Carmen and foster son Ramon Castellanos of Florida, sister-in-law Marnie Warnick of Mercer Island, seventeen grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his parents Roy and Mary Warnick, brothers; Don and Jim Warnick, son-in-law Thomas Robert Shelby and great granddaughter, Emma Mae Hamsher.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Columbia Basin Boy Scouts of America in memory of Hugh Warnick, 12 N 10th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902.

A funeral service will be held Friday, August 19th at 10 am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Nelson Road Chapel, 1849 East Nelson Road, Moses Lake. A reception will follow at the Warnick farm, home of Roy and Judy Warnick.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Service

AUG 19. 10:00 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Nelson Road Chapel
1849 E. Nelson Rd.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *May God bless the family and help u though your healing from your loss.##imported-begin##Mary Talcott##imported-end##*

August 31, 2011 at 10:11 PM



“ *Betty and Family,*

Hugh's smile and great attitude will remain in my heart. You are a wonderful and strong family, so many good years together. You have all been a great example for us.

JoAn##imported-begin##JoAn Daniels-Brown Forsyth##imported-end##

August 31, 2011 at 02:49 PM



“ *Dale, Carol & Lori, I am so sorry for the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Abe Shelby##imported-end##*

August 30, 2011 at 03:04 PM



“ My heart is deeply saddened today to learn that my "second" Dad, and friend of mine since I was in 4th grade with his daughter Lorry has passed. Mr. Warnick and his wonderful wife Betty, took me in when I was pregnant with my son Hunter (who is now almost 16) they taught me so much about faith, family, and they never gave up on me. They stood by me in court, during a very painful custody battle over my oldest son Brandon. Hugh helped me get a job at Hearthstone, and taught me a lot about work ethic and believing in oneself. I will never forget Mr. Warnick listening to the radio at lunchtime, as we discussed the day's events. And, when he drove the tractor at Lorry's Birthday parties at the farm, and all us girls were on board! Mr. Warnick loved to play the piano, and one day he had me sit by him and sing, I told him "I cannot sing" and he said to me, "If all the birds in the forest that could not sing, stopped, the forest would be awfully quiet." What an amazing man!!! My love to all of the Warnicks, my bf Lorry, and I know there is a special place in heaven for you Hugh...Nita##imported-begin##Renita Rutcosky-Deane##imported-end##

August 30, 2011 at 12:24 PM



“ Lori,
Your pain is the otherside of being so Blessed to have such warm close family. I am truly sorry for that pain. But "Praise God" you WILL see him again. Myself, I can Hardly wait... Then maybe I can really get to know that man I called "Uncle".
Lori, share your pain with God. He will ease your burden.
May He bless you Aunt Betty and the rest of the Family.
Love,
Your cousin,
Vickie##imported-begin##Vickie Warnick-Peunic##imported-end##

August 27, 2011 at 10:45 AM



“ Dad, my heart aches for you as I type these words. I cry missing you so much but I know you are no longer in pain and in god's care now. He will take good care of you and we will see you again. Thanks to all who have signed this guest book and have touched my dad's life by being a part of it. My family appreciates it so much. Thanks to all who took good care of my dad at Summerwood and at Hearthstone. We will always be grateful to each and every one of you. Take care. Lori###imported-begin##Lori###imported-end##

August 27, 2011 at 10:24 AM



“ Betty and Family, Hugh was one of our favorite people. We enjoyed being around him and hearing his testimony of Christ. We will miss him.###imported-begin##Steve and Sharon Tolley###imported-end##

August 24, 2011 at 05:52 PM



“ We thought a great deal of Hugh. His dedicated service and willingness to do whatever he was asked and his kindness to everyone were examples to us all. We will miss him and send our love and sympathy to all of his family.###imported-begin##Vaughn and Loye Hunsaker###imported-end##

August 19, 2011 at 04:27 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Though we haven't seen Hugh for some years, we still remember times with him at Rotary functions and feel blessed to have known him.

Please know that our love and prayers are with all of you.

Jim and Carol Adamson###imported-begin##Jim Adamson###imported-end##

August 17, 2011 at 09:51 PM



“ Dale...sorry to hear of your dads passing..he hung around for a long time..I remember the fun times we had around the pond at the home place...hope you are well..we need to catch up one of these days...
Janice###imported-begin##Janice Shinn-Widmer###imported-end##

August 15, 2011 at 11:16 PM



“ Doggone it! I am sorry to learn of Hugh's passing just now. When i was working with my Mother at Grandmother's Treasure House I was put in charge of the books that she had for sale. hugh was certainly a good customer but more importantly hugh always had a friendly visit with us. When he decided that his goal of singing a solo in Church was GOING to be realized he hire Josephine Hoffman to give him vocal lessons. At first it was pretty hard to listen to his attempt but with that Warnick determination sure enough Hugh sang a solo in the LDS Stake Center in his Ward. We were all so excited that a bunch of his young adult friends attended.. hey, it was pretty good singing and the spirit of the song made my tears come. ugh.. I love you and anyone attached to your life. God bles all of us until we meet again. Yours always, David Miles Oman###imported-begin##David Miles Oman###imported-end##

August 12, 2011 at 02:50 AM



“ Aunt Betty, Roy, Judy, Dale, Carol, David, Laurie, Joe, Mitcha and all your families...I know this is a Huge loss for you. God Bless you all. Uncle Hugh Dad and Jim are all together again. I owe him so much for bringing my Dad to California and then that reunion at the Ranch... He really touched lives. Again God Bless you all and may you find Peace in knowing you will see him again. You may find "Psalm 23" comforting. Praise the Lord. Your Cousin, Niece and Friend, Vickie###imported-begin##Vickie Warnick-Peunic###imported-end##

August 11, 2011 at 11:10 AM



“ Dear Warnick family.....I have such great memories of Hugh, while I worked at the Hearthstone Inn, and the Monroe House. Hugh use to come and play the piano for my residents!!! He was so dedicated to our activity program, and I so appreciated him and his music!!! May it comfort you to know, that Hugh is safe in God's care. Sincerely, Cathy Kersey###imported-begin##Cathy & Paul Kersey###imported-end##

August 10, 2011 at 09:13 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. NikieAnn (Mandelas) Smith###imported-begin##NikieAnn Smith###imported-end##

August 10, 2011 at 01:36 PM



“ Roy & Judy, (Betty too), we know how difficult separation is with those we love, so please know you are all in our prayers.##imported-begin##Mike & Joyce Mulliken##imported-end##

August 10, 2011 at 11:11 AM



“ Roy, I have not seen Hugh in a couple of years. I always enjoyed hugh and I appreciated his friendship. Wonderful memories are for you and your family.##imported-begin##Bob Trask Jr##imported-end##

August 09, 2011 at 07:48 PM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Mr Warnick's passing. My thoughts are with his wonderful dedicated family. I am very happy that our family's paths crossed while our loved ones were at the Hearthstone. Thanks for your support.
Terry Anderson##imported-begin##Terry Anderson##imported-end##

August 09, 2011 at 01:28 AM