



## Ted Smith

August 31, 1929 - November 22, 2011

Ted LeRoy Smith, 82, Moses Lake resident, died on November 22, 2011. His final days were spent surrounded by family and friends, during his fight against lung cancer.

Ted was born on August 31, 1929 in Chelan, Washington to Ed and Kate Smith.

He married Frances Alayne Everett on August 12, 1947 in Seattle, Washington. They were inseparable for over 64 years and together had 5 children, Marsha, the oldest, Mark, Geoff, Paul and Ned.

Ted and Frances moved to Othello, Washington in 1950. They farmed 150 acres in Block 49 from 1954 – 1962 and Ted was farmer of the year during that time. He then went to work for Big Bend Electric, where he worked his way up to line superintendent. In 1977 they moved to Davenport, Washington for a superintendent's job there until 1984. In 1984 Ted and Frances purchased an irrigation business in Ronan Montana. Sold the business and moved back to the Columbia Basin, Moses Lake, in 2002 for his retired years. Ted's hobbies included golf, golf, and more golf, fishing, hunting, gardening and cooking. He was well known for his snickerdoodle cookies. He would make several batches a year and take them to family and friends. Ted would have his clam chowder every Friday at Sporty's Steakhouse with old friends and new. Old stories and new were exchanged for lots of laughs.

It was hard pressed to find anyone that didn't love Ted and if you would have met him, you would have loved him, too. He made a positive impression on anyone he was around. Ted was one of a kind.

Ted is survived by his bride, Frances, sister Alleda Arnold, children Mark (Suzie), Geoff, Paul (Chantel) 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ed Smith and Kate Snyder, his daughter Marsha Smith Holmes and his son Ned Smith.

Ted requested a special thanks to the medical staff at the Moses Lake Clinic and appreciated the compassion and professionalism shown to him and his family.

At Ted's request, no service will be held. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, if you care to donate, please do so at one of the following in memory of Ted: American Cancer Society, The Names Project Foundation – 101 Krof St, Atlanta, Georgia 30307.

“I saw the sky and started walking – knowing soon I will be with those who passed before me and awaiting those who will pass after me.”

# Tribute Wall



“ *I love you my friend. I will forever miss you*

*To the family... my heart goes out to you*

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**Carolyn Blair** - October 23, 2021 at 08:52 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to his family. He was truly a good man. How blessed we were to have known him.*

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**Greg & Shelly Brown** - September 15, 2021 at 05:21 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. My parents, Charles and Naomi Rooker, were good friends with Ted and Frances in Othello, Washington back in the 50s. My dad is deceased and my mom has been wanting to reconnect with Frances. Would someone in the family mind contacting me so see if we can connect Mom and Frances? My personal email address is charlafriday@gmail.com. I don't check it daily but will watch it periodically. Again, I'm sorry for your loss. (I was 2 when we moved from Othello to Texas so I don't remember anyone there.)###imported-begin###Charla Rooker Friday###imported-end##*

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February 09, 2012 at 08:52 PM



“ *Will never forget the only fish caught was by you grandpa. We will miss you. love Ty, Alivia, Tyler, & Sadie###imported-begin###Ty Smith###imported-end##*

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December 08, 2011 at 05:31 PM



“ Thinking of all of you. Love, Glenn and Erin##imported-begin##Glenn & Erin Chowning ##imported-end##

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December 08, 2011 at 05:04 PM



“ Fran & Family,  
So sorry to hear of Ted's passing. He was such a wonderful man and could always bring a smile to your face. I so enjoyed the years that I got to work with him & for him here in Ronan. I think of you all often and sure wish I was better at staying in touch. Ted will be missed by many but he will live in our hearts forever!  
Hugs to you all!  
Love,  
Debbie##imported-begin##Debbie O'Hern-Lund##imported-end##

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November 30, 2011 at 01:30 PM



“ So, so sorry to read about Ted.

*I have so many, many wonderful memories about the Ted Smith family! Being in your home and interacting with all the kids was an experience I will always treasure.*

*I reconnected with Ted & Fran many years later after they moved to Moses Lake and was going to keep in touch, but life; as always got busy; and I never got back to their home.*

*As I go through my contact list on my cell phone I always tell myself I need to meet them (Ted & Fran) for lunch and time got away from me.*

*Again am so sorry to read about Ted.*

*My prayers and blessing are with you Fran and family.*

*Love,  
Tana Ring-Gridley*

*Again so sorry to hear##imported-begin##Tana Ring-Gridley##imported-end##*

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November 30, 2011 at 12:03 PM



“ Fran and Paul,  
*Think of you often pray that you are daily comforted in your loss. Ted was always a bright spot in our day at the clinic. I will miss him so much!*  
*Love, Shellie##imported-begin##Shellie Leary##imported-end##*

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November 29, 2011 at 06:49 PM



“ To the perfect father in law I couldn't ask for better! He was a very outgoing and a giving man that loved my Mexican food. But what I will always remember is one winter in Ronan he took me for a snowmobile ride and he promised to go slow.....But you know that never happened! I love you Ted!###imported-begin##Amy Garcia###imported-end##

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November 25, 2011 at 08:02 PM



“ The memories I have from when I was to now is just great! I will always remember the sledding at Grandpa and Grandmas house:) Grandpas peanut brittle, playing badmitten, ping pong, all the stories I get to share with the kids and my grand kids! You will be missed but I know you will always be by my side! I love you Grandpa!###imported-begin##Nedra Gallow###imported-end##

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November 25, 2011 at 11:54 AM



“ My Grandpa Ted was such a wonderful, funny man whom I will love and miss forever. He was always playing jokes on the kids and making them laugh.I have fond memories with him that I will cherish with me forever.###imported-begin##Tammie Gonzalez###imported-end##

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November 24, 2011 at 12:11 PM



“ Ted Smith will be missed by so many. He was one special guy. No matter what he had a smile and kindness about him. We are proud to have known him. May the big golf game continue for Ted.###imported-begin##Harry&Kari McDonald###imported-end##

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November 23, 2011 at 09:29 PM



“ To have had the opportunity to love and cherish a man such as Grandpa Ted is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Anyone who did not get the chance to share his stories and knowledge truly missed out. He had so many stories and seemed to know something about every topic and always could stump you with his knowledge. I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to spend some time with him before his passing I will cherish that visit always. I love you Grandpa; you will be deeply missed.##imported-begin##Debbie Benson##imported-end##

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November 23, 2011 at 11:11 AM