



## Terry L. Lawson

April 16, 1949 - September 1, 2009

A Cowboy's last ride.....Terrence Lynn Lawson returned to the Father in Heaven, on September 1st, 2009 in Moses Lake Washington after a long battle with Parkinson's.

How do you truly capture the essence of a man bigger than his own personality? Terry dedicated his life to his family, friends, and his church. His true dedication to the Lord came much later in life when he could truly appreciate and embrace what the Lord wanted his journey here on earth to be.

Terry had a passion for so many things. There was nothing that he did half way, nothing! He enjoyed activities such as bowling, golfing, hunting and team roping. He had a love for animals and a natural way with horses. He could tame the wildest spirit because his spirit was untamed in its own way.

In life you come across an individual who just stands out. Jokes were a mastered art for Terry and the laugh he was blessed with was infectious to those around him. His friendships were diversified in every way.

His ability to understand complicated people led him to a successful career in the correctional field. He retired after serving 24 years as a Lieutenant at the Walla Walla State Penitentiary.

He loved Walla Walla, the small town feel and knowing that a slice of hot pie could be easily found. He was as he said finally home! He naturally involved himself in many civic activities within the community and as with anything he did everyone knew him by name! His participation as a member of The Amazing

Grace Church of the Nazarene, Christian Cowboy Association, and The Rodeo Association changed his life. Terry always had the Lord in his heart but it was in the later years that the peace, passion and conviction could be seen and felt.

Terry was born to this earth on April 16, 1949 in Butte Montana to Don C. Lawson and Doris Lobeck. Life's path brought changes and as with many things relationships come to a close but new ones also begin. Jane Trieber welcomed Terry and his older Brother Mike into her heart as her sons when she gave her love to their Father Don. Terry was blessed with supportive and loving siblings from both parents. Each of them will carry their own special memory of Terry.

In life there is one soul that God has created that will perfectly match your own. It is a unique and sacred bond that no other can match. In 1994 Terry married Kime the "Love of his Life"! He finally understood what it meant to be a husband and a partner and he felt he had finally done it right! Kime in her steady, loving and patient way allowed Terry to bloom into the man he always wanted and dreamed he could be. It was this love that provided the strength he needed to tackle the many challenges and hurdles that his disease presented and without her by his side his fight would have taken him sooner to heaven.

Terry is survived by his loving wife, Kime, his Mother Jane, daughters Christina Reed, Connie Lawson-Tidd, Serena Lawson, son Troy (Della) Rustad; along with his grandchildren Aubriea Lawson, Zackary Reed, Triston Tidd, Annaliz Rustad.

His siblings are Mike, (Annette) Lawson, Brad Lawson, Tana (Gunther) Baumbler, Mark (Tina) Lawson, Brett (Lisa) Lawson, Randy (Becky) Enz, Holly Frenz, and Roberta Carpenter along with many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Howard (Delmay) Lawson is the last living Lawson Uncle and he always held a special place in Terry's heart.

A cowboy has a way of looking at life, never fearing what the day might present. They ride with a purpose and a passion all their own. Terry climbed

into the saddle one last time and took one sweet breath before returning to the Father in heaven. As Terry would say “Saddle Up, hold on, enjoy the ride..... until we meet again!”

A Celebration of his life will at Amazing Grace Church of the Nazarene in Walla Walla Washington on September the 12th at 11:00AM.

# Tribute Wall



“ I will always remember the two Marine brothers and their Sailor cousin getting together in San Diego. Terry had just finished boot camp, Mike was back from 'Nam and I was attending a Navy school.

*My prayers are with all who anxiously await the day we will be together again.*

*In Christ's love,*

*-Doug##imported-begin##Doug Lobeck##imported-end##*

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September 13, 2009 at 06:00 PM



“ I will always remember Terry for his wonderful laugh and hilarious stories. He was so very handsome, well dressed with twinkly eyes and a big smile. He is the only cousin whoever lived with us. Terry brought funny stories and laughter to our house. (Uncle Dale, Aunt Shirley, Sandra and Bruce Lawson).

*I used love to hear his horse stories. He always caught white fish for me to eat because I liked them.*

*I enjoyed listening to his 60's rock-n-roll music while I babysat Chris and Connie. Every time I hear "The Doors" I think of*

*Terry.##imported-begin##Sandra Lawson Newton ##imported-end##*

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September 10, 2009 at 06:53 PM



“ Connie & family -  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you have been in my thoughts and prayers. I wish I had been there to help in your time of need. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help.  
Love you!  
Tamara##imported-begin##Tamara Bertino##imported-end##

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September 09, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ My heartfelt sympathy to Connie and her extended family. the obituary was beautiful. It made me wish I had known Terry.  
May God bless you in your time of loss - Jim##imported-begin##Jim Moran##imported-end##

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September 09, 2009 at 03:19 PM



“ I wish you all a lot of strenght and feel very sorry for your loss.  
R##imported-begin##Raymond##imported-end##

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September 07, 2009 at 03:39 AM



“ this is mandy,holly frens daughter.my condlences go out to my family in time of need and pain.its wonderfull that uncle terry changed before he passed.i know alot about changing lives,mine has to due to god,all things are possible thru him.uncle terry is at peace with the father.he is well looked after and loved now.god bless you annet,connie,and christy.i love you.##imported-begin##amanda frens##imported-end##

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September 05, 2009 at 03:02 PM



“ Terry had many qualities, one of the best known being his sense of humor. We first met him years ago during a Walla Walla 59'er trail ride. Sandy and I drove up from Las Vegas. Seeing our old truck and trailer and out-of-state license plates, Terry's curiosity got the better of him so he came over to check us out. As Sandy was struggling with a heavy bale of hay, Terry came up to her and sarcastically asked, "Do you need a good man to help with that". Sandy dropped the bale, turned to Terry, looked him squarely in the eyes and replied, "Do you think you could go find me one". Terry immediately bowed his head and got that little sheepish grin that only Terry could master and a friendship was born. Well Terry, turns out you were indeed the good man, the best. Our memories will always be of you sitting tall in the saddle. Rest well old friend until our paths cross again on the next trail ride.##imported-begin##Frank Olson and Sandy Haigh##imported-end##

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September 05, 2009 at 12:25 PM



“ KimE – My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. He sounds like he was a wonderful man that made both your lives special and complete. Treasure the moments while knowing he is at peace and resting comfortably. You are a great person, you take care. Best Regards, Brenda##imported-begin##Brenda Parnell##imported-end##

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September 05, 2009 at 11:11 AM



“ To my big brother with love.

*I know that you are at peace now, without pain, only comfort with being at God's side. Just remember who's boss and try not to run the show without his "Okay"!!*

*We will meet again one day and play cards. Without dealing from the bottom of the deck!##imported-begin##Roberta (Bobbie) Carpenter##imported-end##*

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September 05, 2009 at 01:46 AM



“ You will be missed, however I am so happy that you are with the Lord now. No more pain, only peace. I love you and I look forward to joining you when it is my time.

*Your Sister,*

*Holly##imported-begin##Holly Frens##imported-end##*

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September 04, 2009 at 09:18 PM



“ We love you so much uncle Terry! You will be greatly missed and we will always remember the wonderful time we were able to spend with you! Love always!##imported-begin##Leif & Tessa Curtis##imported-end##

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September 04, 2009 at 08:57 PM



“ To Connie Lawson-Tidd, her family and friends, we extend our warmest regards and deepest sympathy in this time of loss and grief. Take heart - the Lord has your father now and the Lord sends you his Comforter, to give you peace and joy that passes all understanding. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Fred and Donna Eans##imported-end##

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September 04, 2009 at 05:20 PM



“ I remember a lot of things about my beloved brother.....most importantly, that he always enjoyed himself with his current surroundings. Nobody, I mean nobody wore a cowboy hat like he did. He let me do my first solo driving experience in his blue Cadillac coupe deville.....I was scared to death because he pulled over along the highway in Elk Park on our way back from fishing the little Boulder River and said, "I am tired little brother, you gotta drive now...." Well, he crawled in on the passenger side and promptly tipped his baseball cap over his eyes and said, "get us home Butz (my younger year nickname was Butzer)and so I did! Many memorable hunting trips, my first pickup truck (for a dollar), my first shotgun, and many other older brother experiences abound in my mind and heart. You are home with the Father big brother, I love you, I miss you, I am happy you are in perfect health and Peace. Bret##imported-begin##Bret Lawson##imported-end##

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September 04, 2009 at 04:33 PM



“ Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Gail Powell##imported-end##

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September 04, 2009 at 10:39 AM



“ We all loved Uncle Terry so much...and our love and prayers are with all of the family. Kime, thank you for all of your devotion to Terry...we all appreciate how much you meant to him and how much you have meant to us all. We are thankful to have you as part of our family for always.##imported-begin##Babe Edwards##imported-end##

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September 04, 2009 at 12:40 AM



“ KimE you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Donna Weber##imported-end##

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September 03, 2009 at 07:06 PM



“ KimE:  
May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Karol Maasen##imported-end##

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September 02, 2009 at 06:56 PM