



Boyd Archer Hardesty

May 15, 1932 - January 22, 2015

Hardesty, Dr. Boyd Archer PhD of Rosalia, WA, died January 22, 2015 from injuries sustained in a fall. He was 82. Boyd was born May 15, 1932 in Cheney, WA to parents Bonner and Mildred Hardesty. He was raised in Rosalia where he met and fell in love with his sweet wife Willa Mae, graduating from Rosalia High School. In 1952, they married at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in Spokane. After high school, he went on to Washington State University where he earned his B.S. in 1953. In 1956 he graduated with his M.S degree going on to California Institute of Technology, graduating with his PhD in Biochemistry in 1961. He was a NSF Post Doctoral Fellow at Yale University from 1961-1963. During this time, his oldest son Bruce Hardesty was born (1958), and in 1961, his second son Brian was born. In 1964, he moved his family to Texas, where his one and only daughter, Diana was born and he accepted a position at the University of Texas, Austin. He was a Professor and research scientist for 35 years. As a research scientist, Dr. Hardesty travelled to many countries, including the Soviet Union, Poland, West and East Germany and South Africa. He and his Laboratory published more than 100 peer reviewed scientific papers. His best known work from the Laboratory was on the development of cell free systems for the synthesis of proteins and on the biochemical mechanisms involved in their ribosomal synthesis. He retired in 1999, holding Professor Emeritus status. In his spare time, he was a seasoned hunter and fisherman taking him to places such as New Zealand, South Africa, Botswana and Namibia. He was a life member of

the Safari Club International and the NRA. He is survived by his wife of 62 yrs, Willa Mae Hardesty, son Bruce Hardesty, son Brian Hardesty (Lisa) and daughter Diana Burmaster (Doug), along with their children, Derek , Patrick, Jennifer and Katherine. Burial will be at the Rosalia IOOF Evergreen Cemetery at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 29, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. at the Rosalia United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall

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“ Hi Willa Mae (honey) So sorry to hear of Butches accident he was way too young. Marsha sent me the obit. The memories came flooding in when I saw the notice. 62 years is quite an achievement. The last time we did something together was harvest. You on truck, Bob combine and me cat.

Dean Ickes - February 05, 2015 at 12:05 PM

BP

“ Our Hunting trip to Africa was the highlight of my life with Boyd. We had the best time ever and many animals brought home. Lots of stories to remember on that trip with pictures too. He was a great man and will be missed by all who knew him including my family..

Barney and Linds Porter - January 29, 2015 at 11:08 AM

DF

“ Willa Mae - We'll be thinking of you and your family.

Dori Weldin Ferrel - January 28, 2015 at 05:40 PM

FW

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss.
Frank Weldin

Frank Weldin - January 26, 2015 at 04:55 PM