



## Ernest H. Gilmour, Jr.

October 14, 2013

Ernest Henry Gilmour Jr. was born in Whittier CA on February 4th in 1958 to proud parents, Ernest H. Gilmour Sr. and Marie J. Zabel. Ernie moved with his family to Cheney, WA in 1967. Ernie graduated from Cheney High School in 1976. He is survived by his parents and his two wonderful children, a son named, Shawn A. Gilmour and a beautiful daughter named Kristy M. Gilmour, and a granddaughter named Lily M. Gilmour. Ernie also had a very special, significant other, of over eight wonderful years to Jackie Robbins of Old Town Newport, Idaho, and her four children. Ernie is also survived by his brother, William B. Gilmour; and two sisters, Nadine M. Madrazo and Laura Siegmund. Ernie lived and worked in the Newport, WA area, as a business partner with his long-time girlfriend Jackie Robbins in Robbins Tree Removal Service. Ernie was a big-hearted, quiet and honest man with much humility. Ernie only once in his brother's memory talked about his passion in life. Ernie's passion in life was climbing trees, so in the end Ernie died doing what he loved most. Ernie when asked "What's up?" or "How are you doing?" Always responded with, "Still Kicking", and when asked "What are you doing?" always responded with "Still killing Trees". Ernie is known and loved by many people in the community, because he would give young people a job when jobs are scarce. If Ernie's apprentice would stay with him long enough, Ernie would teach them everything he knew about climbing trees and dangerous tree removal. Ultimately, Ernie gave many young people a chance to learn a trade and be able to support themselves and their families when no one else would. He

wanted to give them a chance to try, and be a positive and productive part of society. For fun, Ernie had lots of it with his boat during the summers on the Pond Oreille River giving kids and adults inner tube rides until they could take no more, or casual cruises with friends and family up to the eagle's nest or down to Cancun beach to party on the sand. Summers also included a trip to Oregon for the annual family reunion and the Oregon coast to crab and fish. In Newport, he often met friends at the "Rio" to play pool, tell tall stories, and bring the usually dangerous day to a close. Ernie, we are all so sad that your life was cut short at the age of; a very young 55. There has been and will be so many more tears shed in your honor and in your memory. Although most of the tears shed today will be of sadness, we will think of all the happiness and joy you have created throughout your life to help and to be a positive influence in so many lives. We will miss you so dearly and hope you are at peace; you will truly be missed and thought of every day. Love from everyone whose life you have ever touched. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, at Cheney Funeral Chapel, 1632 W. First St., Cheney WA.

# Tribute Wall

KA

“ Joshua just informed Jeremy and myself of Ernie's passing. I'm so saddened by your loss. He did so many things for my sons, and died much too soon! I'll never forget the time he got together with our old friend Milt Hanley to send me to HWichita KS so I could attend my brother's wedding. Please accept my love and condolences to Shawn and Kristy and parents. Karen

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**Karen** - May 23, 2014 at 12:57 AM

CS

“ Good by old friend. Had many a good time together. sorry your gone.

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**Charlie Slocum** - October 24, 2013 at 03:51 PM

RL

“ My sympathy to all the family. I met Ernie when he took care of some trees at our lake place at Lake Sacheen. It was a joy to watch him at work...such skill!  
Discovered that he was a distant relative to my brother in law, Merle Gilmour. Sorry that we didn't get to know him better. It was clear that he was one of the good guys!  
Love and Blessings, Ruby Lyon

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**Ruby Lyon** - October 21, 2013 at 03:50 PM

LS

“ So sorry for your loss

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**Linda Standley** - October 18, 2013 at 08:17 PM

DA

“ Our deepest regrets to our dear friend, Jackie. Also, to Ernie's parents, children, grandchildren and family members. Ernie touched so many, many lives in his short span of life. With his sudden passing, so many of us feel a part of us died with him. He was truly loved & will be so arly missed. Dave, Linda and Kayle Arneson

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**Dave & Linda Arneson** - October 18, 2013 at 05:10 PM

DD

“ So sorry to hear that my cousin closest in age to me is gone. I will always remember him from our family reunions where we had fun swimming in the creek, and over eating, and how handsome I thought he was when I was 10!  
With great sympathy and compassion,  
Donna DeMoss

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**Donna DeMoss** - October 18, 2013 at 01:29 AM

WP

“ Condolences on your loss. We feel your pain because we know what it is like to lose a child .No parent should experience that kind of loss We grieve with you. We knew Ernie Jr and will always remember our pleasant friendship. Walt & Myrt Powers

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**Walt & Myrt Powers** - October 17, 2013 at 11:26 AM