



Raymond Charles Schmitt

July 8, 1941 - May 31, 2014

Raymond Charles Schmitt passed away May 31, 2014. He was born July 8, 1941 to Otto and Agnes (Pierre) Schmitt of Cheney, WA. He and his brother and sister were the first set of triplets to survive at Sacred Heart Hospital. A 1959 graduate of Cheney High School, he was raised on the farm in the Lance Hills where he continued to work until he met Joan Stromberger of Sprague, WA in a hay field and later married in 1969. He was the Union Oil Distributor in Cheney from 1970 until 1977 and then had the distributorship in Hoquiam, WA from 1977 until 1979. In 1979, he and his family moved to Sprague, WA where he continued the Stromberger ranching operation on Crab Creek where he and Joan raised their family. Ray enjoyed his work at "Crab Creek Cattle Company", winning several awards for quality livestock. He faithfully followed his children to their activities and in later years, followed his grandchildren to their activities as well. He was preceded in death by both his parents; sister Mary (Danforth) Heffner; brother Robert Danforth; brother, Donald Schmitt; and sister Laura (Schmitt) Berggren. He is survived by his triplet siblings, Ronald Schmitt and Arlene (Schmitt) Mowatt, both of Cheney; the love of his life, Joan (Stromberger) Schmitt of Sprague; his children and grandchildren: Connie (Pat) Gorman of Coeur d'Alene, ID and Alex McGrath of Sprague; Cathy (John) MacDonald and Catie, Mary & Jack of Omak, WA; Christy (Rob) Peck and Alyssa & Scott of Spokane Valley; Ray (Amy) Schmitt and Gretchen & Kort of Medical Lake; and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be 10:30 to 12:00 June 12, followed by burial at Spokane

Memorial Gardens at 2:00 p.m. and a Memorial Service at 4:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 639 Elm Street, Cheney, WA. Salad-dessert potluck with meat provided immediately following.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I'm saddened that I found out too late. Ray taught me alot about farming and cattle. I met Ray when me and my parents moved into the farm house on Watt Road. Remember him teaching me to drive the wheat truck and multiple pieces farm equipment. I loved him like a father. He has taught me so much that I was able to use later in life running a farm as head employee.



Mitchell Moore - December 05, 2022 at 01:48 PM

CM

“ My Grandpa was such an amazing man. I remember the day the picture for his obituary was taken. I also remember when he would let me drive the hay truck into the field

Catie Macdonald - February 12, 2018 at 01:44 PM

CM

“ I miss you papa Thank you to every one who sends condolences



Catie Macdonald - February 12, 2018 at 01:41 PM

LS

“ *Cathy and family: my heart is with you as well as thoughts and prayers. I have fond memories of my very first visit to a farm in 1991 and Mr. Schmitt showing me the equipment and all the animals, then we turned the corner and a cow was giving birth! So amazing for this city girl to experience farm life and I'll never forget his kindness. May good memories help ease the pain.*

lisa scarpelli - June 04, 2014 at 03:42 PM

CM

Thank you Lisa I am Cathy's daughter Catie I appreciate the message

Catie Macdonald - February 12, 2018 at 01:41 PM

CA

he was such an amazing man

catie - February 15, 2018 at 11:46 AM

MM

“ *I remember Ray well from high school. Such a nice guy. To his family, I am so sorry for your loss.*

Mary Carroll Masten - June 04, 2014 at 09:49 AM

CM

He was such an amazing father and grandfather I would know I am his granddaughter an my mom is his daughter

Catie Macdonald - February 12, 2018 at 02:48 PM