



Byron J. Wood

February 26, 1948 - September 23, 2021

Rainier and good friends are the key to a great life.

Byron J. Wood was born February 26, 1948 in Sedro Woolley, WA to Raymond and Dagny (Stangeland) Wood. From there, his family moved to Whatcom County where he lived the rest of his life until passing on September 23, 2021. He graduated from Mt. Baker High School in the Class of 1966 and the following year enlisted to go to Vietnam serving in the US Army from 1967 to 1970. He loved the woods and made a life-long career logging and road building the vast forests of the Pacific Northwest. He worked full-time doing what he loved as a grader operator until just days before getting ill with pneumonia that was complicated by leukemia.

Byron's life was filled with adventure, he shod horses, was on the crew of the Heavy Hauler 7-liter hydroplane world-champion team, pit crew for Mark and Dave Ryan's sprint car, was an avid NASCAR fan, could always be seen at the Deming Log Show volunteering or in the clown acts while wearing his famous Hee-Haw britches, and was the proud owner of a 1967 Dodge Dart 273. He never turned down a chance for fun, and if he owned it he probably painted it yellow.

He was known to work hard and play hard and had a reputation of being fair and honest. Byron knew no strangers; his shop doors were always open for

some Vitamin R and conversation.

Byron is survived by his aunt, Lola Ellestad; sister, Donna Klix; nieces, Shannan Hanks and Jerilyn Klix-Luna and countless extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Deming Log Show on Sunday, October 10th, 2021 at 2pm.

Donations can be made in his memory to the Deming Log Show: 3295 Cedarville Rd. Bellingham, WA 98226.

Please share your memories of Byron in his online guestbook.

Tribute Wall

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“ Byron lived across the street from my family. The whole family were wonderful. Byron took me to MtBaker for my very first ski trip. He was so patient and I was so bad. Sorry to hear this news – he will be missed. Sympathies to his family.

Cathy (Felmley) Hildner

Cathy (Felmley) Hildner - October 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Rest in peace sidehill, keep on smiling budy

kurt s beaulieu - October 05, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GZ

“ When a piece of equipment would breakdown or be in need of repair, Byron was the go to guy. If he didn't have a solution, he surely knew someone who did. Any questions regarding horses, he was “knowed up” on them as well! We're going to miss him. Truly a great friend

Gary and Lorrie Zwiers - October 02, 2021 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ I made my first hundred bucks cutting Byrons lawn. I always admired his collection of heavy Iron and his skill as an operator.

Eli Kunzmann - September 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ A good friend and woodsman. Always with a smile.

Tom Hanson - September 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM