



## Ernest Ernie W. Adamson

March 2, 1936 - May 1, 2017

Ernest “Ernie” Walter Adamson, age 81, passed away on May 1, 2017 in Bellingham. He was born in Helena, Montana on March 2, 1936 to Walter James (Buster) Adamson and Vera Louise (Black) Adamson. He is survived by both siblings, Ronee Bybee and Gary Adamson. In his early life, he moved often. Ernie finished high school in Battle Mountain, Nevada, then moved with his family to Yerington, Nevada where he met Sherry Rae Marshall. They married on March 21, 1959 and started a family together: Monique Ronee (Nicky) Miller, Laurel Ellen (Laurie) Rister and Ronald (Ron) Walter Adamson.

In 1968, they moved to Bellingham, Washington where Ernie became a sheet metal worker and worked for Baron Heating until he retired in 1998. He spent his retirement enjoying his hobbies: RC airplanes (that he drafted out and made to scale), playing basketball, and playing with his grandchildren. He was named one of the original gym rats at Carver Gym. He played there for years with many generations of college students. Basketball was his passion during high school; he helped his high school basketball team go to state his senior year. He also lettered in track and football.

He is survived by wife Sherry and his children and grandchildren. His daughter Nicky married Dan Miller and had 3 children: Jason, Joshua, and Amanda Miller. Laurie married Brent Rister (who passed away Jan. 1, 2014) who had Jeremy, Jeffrey, and Joe Rister. Ron married Michelle and had Kaleb

Adamson. Jeremy has two daughters, Madison Hardee and Natalie Rister. Jeff married Jessica and had Jackson and they are due to have Elena on June 28. Kaleb and Cara had Kamdon and Jordan. Jason Miller is engaged to Lindsay Needham, wedding date not yet decided.

# Tribute Wall

RJ

“ I played basketball with Ernie for a dozen or so years at Carver gym. He was a great friend and an avid competitor, with moves that only an experienced “gym rat” could make. But above all, he was a kind and gentle soul who enjoyed the on- and off-court friendships as much as he enjoyed playing basketball. I will miss hi deeply, and I send my deepest condolences to Ernie’s family and friends.

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**Rand Jimerson** - May 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Remembering Ernie from years (decades) of noon-time basketball at Carver Gym at Western. One time I asked him the secret to playing hoop at such an elder age. He smiled and said, “Simple. Never get hurt and never stop.” His fade away jumper went in at an amazingly high level. His intrinsic love of the game (and the noon-ball scene at Western) was always palpable, as was the warmth of his greetings after I returned to the court after being out of town (or out with an injury) for an an extended period. Always a pleasure to see Ernie. Sending my condolences to the family, which I see runs many generations deep now.

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**Adam Ward** - May 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I think of this family always I grew up at Weed Heights, Nv . His daughter Nikki and I were good childhood friends ... I remember Ernie...every night after work ... getting his bowl and arrow and go straight down below the park and start practicing...he looked like Tarzan ...he was an amazing husband and father...one of a kind... Sherry was always so sweet and beautiful ... I miss and love you all, Marylynn Reyes

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**Marylynn Reyes Thompson** - May 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM