



Franklin D. Sirmans

February 3, 1934 - March 12, 2015

Franklin “Tex” Sirmans 81 passed away at St Francis in Bellingham Washington on March 12, 2015. Tex was born to Sallie and Albert Sirmans on February 3, 1934 in Queen City Texas and was the eldest of five sons. Tex graduated from Queen City High School in 1952 and joined the US Navy November of the same year. He bravely served his country in the Korean War and was stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas and later in Whidbey Island, Washington until his honorable discharge on November 2, 1956. Tex married his wife Donna in April 1955. Together they welcomed 3 children; Daughter Tamera (Tammy) Sirmans, Terry Sirmans, and Steven (Steve) Sirmans. They remained happily married for 49 years until Donna’s passing in 2006. Tex had a lifelong love of cars and mechanics. He turned his passion into successful gas station businesses and in 1976 he opened Tex’s Service in Ferndale. His immense mechanical knowledge and love for all things automotive combined with his passion for helping others remained strong until he retired in 2010. Tex was an active and well respected member of the community, taking part in many organizations including a 25 year membership to the Moose Lodge. Tex loved working in his garden and seeing how many different types of roses he could grow, alongside his dog and constant companion Teka. He found true joy surrounded by his family; including his children, 7 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Tex is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Donna, his son Terry, and brothers Albert (Buddy) and James Sirmans.

A viewing will be held on Friday, March 20th, 2015 at Moles Greenacres funeral home in Ferndale, WA from 12:00 (Noon) until 2:00 PM followed by military honors and a memorial service with reception from 2:00-4:00 PM.

A celebration of life potluck will be held on Saturday March 21st, 2015 at the Bellingham Moose Lodge 710 Samish Way Bellingham, WA 98229 from 1-4 PM. The family would like to invite all those that wish to come to please bring a dish to share and join in celebrating the life of this truly wonderful man.

Tribute Wall

TL

“ Steve, Tammy, and family I am so sorry for your loss. Growing up next door, your dad felt like one of the family. He was funny and vibrant. He always gave me a hard time but was serious when he needed to be. I can remember an instance where I knew he cared when he was giving me some advice and help if I needed it. Tex was a good man. I'm sure your mom and dad are dancing in heaven. ♥♥♥

Teresa Lamb-Ramirez - March 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Tex's family, sorry for your loss. I was sad to hear the news today. I used to be scared of Tex when I was younger, but once you got passed a couple layers of grease, and all his orneriness and gruff, you would find the most generous, caring, loving and funny jokester of a man.
Tex-ass you will be truly missed by many including me. I know Miss Donna is waiting with open arms and a big smile in heaven. Hugs to you both!

Laura Lindsey - March 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I love you grandpa and feel so blessed to have had you in my life as long as I did! I will miss you always! Give my dad a huge hug n kiss for me and tell him I love and miss him every day! Grandma too!

Karlee Sirmans - March 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *A wonderful man! I used to wait on him at Cedars-both him and his wife until I loved to California and then to the Seattle area. I always looked forward to seeing him-always with a smile! I remember him as a living, caring and sweet man! He loved his wife dearly and seemed to cherish her.*

What a wonderful man who will be missed!

I send my best to the family!

Marla McAlpine

Marla McAlpine - March 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Tammy,
Buddy, Nikki and I wanted to send our condolences to you and tell you how sorry we are to hear of the passing of your father. As you know I carry a lot of memories of Tex and all the fishing trips, family gatherings and the list goes on. Kim Miller and I were discussing that we bet Tex, Donna, Jay and Sis would now be back together again and discussing who got the first, the largest and the most fish.
Sincerely,
The Pritchard family.*

Bud Pritchard - March 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM