



## Robert Edward Nordby Sr

January 12, 1934 - October 7, 2017

Robert Edward Nordby, Sr., age 83, passed away Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 surrounded by his family. Robert was born January 12, 1934 in Bellingham, WA. He was a third-generation Whatcom County resident and grew up on a dairy farm at the end of Aldergrove Rd. He was a graduate of Ferndale High School class of 1952.

On April 16, 1954, he enlisted in the U.S. Army; his title was specialist 3rd class. He served during the Korean conflict in Germany and Paris. His tour of duty ended March 30, 1956. He came home to start logging with his father from Washington to California. It was in this time that he met Janice VanderYacht and they were married April 1957. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year. After logging, Robert got a job at Georgia Pacific. He worked there until his retirement.

Robert and Janice enjoyed traveling to Arizona and many parts of the United States. For the past 10 years they had stayed around home for health reasons.

Robert is survived by his wife, Janice; son Lucas (Penny), daughter Veronica (life partner Kevin), son Robert Jr. (life partner Fleta) and daughter JoAnn (Craig); grandchildren Joel, John, Jessica, Angie, Kristine and Zach; great-grandchildren Mason, Nash, Jackson and Jasper. Robert is preceded in death

by his parents Kasper and Veronica, and brother Lester.

A visitation will be Monday, October 16, from 10:00AM-12:00PM at Moles Ferndale, 2039 Main Street. A graveside service will follow at 1:00PM at Enterprise Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mount Baker Kidney Center, Visiting Angels, or Whatcom Hospice.

# Tribute Wall

DS

“*Janice and family...so sorry to hear of “Bobby’s” death. He was my cousin and a few years older, and my memories of him are on the farm. I spent a lot of time visiting there...such fun remembrances. Sadly, I’m unable to come to the service. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all the family. God grant you peace,*

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**Diane Behme Scansen** - October 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“*Memories of Bob, Janice and kids run deep, given my father and Janice are cousins. This gave me ongoing interactions growing up and in adulthood both in Whatcom County and Yuma, when my parents and B&J were able to winter in Arizona and have meet-ups. Bob, you were a standout with your cheeky smile, exuding warmth, your soft voice and giggle, your compassionate caring, your everlasting afro, and of course the bib overalls. This is how I will remember you. Love to you all. Sadly, I was at work Monday when I learned of the service information and was not able to escape to be with you all as you gathered to honor and remember a great person. Love, Renee Murray*

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**Renee Murray** - October 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“*I’m so sorry for your lose. I have such fond & funny memories of your family. Just wanted you to now I’m thinking about you all.*

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**Nadine Gates** - October 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I was very sad and sorry to hear of my brothers passing. He was the best big brother any could have asked for while growing up. I have many, many fond and special memories of life on the farm with my folks, Bob and Lester. We had many fun times with Bob and Janice and all our kids. Sadly, we did not talk or see each other much over the past several years, but I am grateful to have had the opportunity to talk with him a couple of months ago on the phone. Janice, Luke, Veronica, Robert and Joanne: I hope you are all doing OK. I'm sorry I will be unable to attend the services today. Love, Joan

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**Joan (Nordby) Boettcher** - October 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM