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Donavon L. Craven

September 25, 1940 ~ April 2, 2015 (age 74)



Services

CELEBRATION OF LIFE Wednesday April 8, 2015 1:00 PM Burns Mortuary Chapel Hermiston, OR Donavon Leroy "Don" Craven (alias Little Cowboy) the youngest of 10 kids was born on September 25, 1940 in Burleigh County, North Dakota to parents, John and Elizabeth "Bessy" Hanks Craven. Don was raised and attended schools in the rolling hills around Menoken, North Dakota. He and his nephew Sam joined the United



States Army together and he served until his honorable discharge. Don married Margo Lines and they had two children, Dennis and Kelly. Don worked as a lineman for Pacific Power & Light for many years and moved to Toppenish, WA, in 1973 and then to Walla Walla, WA for a couple of years. He then moved to the Hermiston, Oregon area in 1990 where he has lived since. Don retired in 1995. He was the past president of the Over The Hill Gang. Don enjoyed woodworking and carving, leather work, camping, fishing, & hiking. He later would find his true love, horses. He enjoyed many rides and activities with the Over The Hill Gang. He rode horses in OR, WA, ID, MT, CO, NM, and Wyoming. He rode on the Chief Joseph trail ride from start to finish. It took him 13 years to complete and he enjoyed it so much he continued for 5 more years. He was self taught on many activities, if it interested him he would study books and the internet to polish his skills. Don loved to tease people with a straight face just to see if they would catch him. Family was very important to him. Don was very proud of his grandchildren and great grandchildren. They filled his life with much love. He once said, his best friend his son and his favorite lady, his daughter. Dad left this world in his home surrounded by his friends and family on April 2, 2015 at the age of 74 years. He lived a full life the way he wanted and left us with love, wisdom, and laughter. As I look back on his life it gives me great pride to be a part of it. His legacy lives on. Happy trails little cowboy Happy Trails. P.S. God look out for that Appy!

He is survived by his son: Dennis Craven, Pendleton, OR; daughter: Kelly Tilley & husband Craig, Pasco, WA; brother: John Craven & wife Jane, Irrigon, OR; sisters: Catherine Hanson & husband Melvin, and Elizabeth Ennen & husband Lyle, all of consistent profits of all starts of them

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Bismark, ND; grandchildren: Darren, Cody, Jessica, & Samantha; great grandchildren: Markus, Macey, & Conner; numerous nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, 6 siblings: Jim, Jerry, Bernard, Lucille, Buryl, & Lillian, and a grandson: Corey Craven.

A celebration of life service will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston, Oregon. A graveside service will follow at 3:00 P.M. at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton, Oregon.

Please sign the online guest book and view the full obituary at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon is in care of arrangements.

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