



## Jon Joseph Ramey

March 2, 1948 - September 13, 2017

Jon Joseph Ramey, 69, died at his home on 9/13/2017 in Monitor after losing his battle with cancer.

He was born in Tonasket on March 2, 1948, to the late Van and Ruth (Schultz). Jon graduated from high school and continued on to Wenatchee Valley College to study Forestry. May of 1968, Jon joined the US Army, serving in Vietnam. In 1969 Jon married his high school sweetheart, Deborah McKay. They made their first home in Shelton, WA. After Jon finished his commitment with the US Army, Jon and Deb moved to Monitor. Jon continued his love of the outdoors while working for a short time for the Department of Natural Resources. When a job opened up for a scaler at Pack River Lumber, in Peshastin, he took it. Years later, Jon was given the opportunity to be the Construction Supervisor at Basin Asphalt, which he took. During the late 70's Jon and a close friend decided they would take a chance on stepping up as entrepreneurs, and after receiving a \$1000 loan from Cashmere Valley Bank, they purchased a supply of Christmas Trees. It was then decided that the guys would set up in Cashmere and their wives in East Wenatchee to see who sold the most. That venture was the beginning of "Mr. Gardener", Jon 'wanted to mow lawns and wear shorts'. After 23 years of owning, growing and diversifying, Jon and Deb retired.

Jon and Deb raised two sons, Shon and Ben. Jon enjoyed coaching the boys in Little League and was key in teaching the boys that by playing the positions they didn't like made them better players for the whole game. Weekends and

vacations were enjoyed at lakeside or camping in the mountains with the boys, grandchildren, extended family, and friends, where they would hike and fish. Regularly, at 10 pm the kids remember their dad playing TAPS (by a cassette) to signal the day had ended and it was time for bed. What probably started as whittling around camp, Jon taught himself to carve, which led to a passion that continued to be great works of treasures for his family. In the wintertime, the family enjoyed weekends snowmobiling and tubing parties. Jon and Deb enjoyed being snowbirds for over 11 years; they traveled in the fifth wheel to CA, AZ and NV.

Jon is preceded in death by his parents; infant son, Bradon Scott

Jon and Deb suffered through many tough times and struggles but throughout their journey it was also filled with the joy of life together with their children, grandchildren and great grandson and their Lord and Savior in the center.

Jon is survived by his wife, Debi; sons, Shon ( Deanna), Ben; grandchildren: ; great-grandson, ,

Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017, 3:00pm at the Praise Center, 435 So. Mission, Wenatchee. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, Cashmere.

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