



Ken Fife

March 10, 1940 - March 26, 2010

Ken Fife, a lifelong Wenatchee resident and owner of Dick's Towing and Repair, passed away to the loving arms of his savior March 26, 2010 at Central Washington Hospital following a courageous battle with heart disease.

Ken, 70, was born on March 10, 1940, in Wenatchee, to the late Douglas and Lucille (Felts) Fife. He graduated from the first senior class of Eastmont High School in 1958, marrying his high school sweetheart, Jeannie Gustin, on Dec. 29, 1957 in Wenatchee. They made their first home in East Wenatchee and moved to Wenatchee as he continued his education at Wenatchee Junior College.

In his early years as an adult, he worked at a variety of jobs including: Chevron Oil service stations, Milot-Mills, Ferguson Furniture, and Montgomery Wards. In the early 1960s, Ken and two partners started Crown Furniture in Wenatchee; he worked as the store's manager. Later in the 60's, he sold his partnership and worked in interior design for JCPenney. In the early 1970's, he worked for Dick's Service and he and Jeannie purchased the towing operation there, calling their business, Dick's Towing, and have continued in that business since.

Ken pursued many outdoor activities including fishing, fast-pitch softball, and NASCAR B modified car racing. After racing cars, he devoted his time to race

car ownership as well as tire and fuel sales for other racers. He had a hidden artistic bent and liked to paint.

He was an avid bass fisherman and won regional tournaments with his good friend Roy VanSlyke, traveling around the United States, fishing in national tournaments too. In later years, Ken and Jeannie traveled in their RV. Ken's heart and home were always open to family and friends. In the last few years, Ken Fisher has been a devoted caregiver and fishing buddy.

The family wishes to thank the many people God has brought into Ken's life who have helped him in loving service.

Ken is survived by his wife, Jeannie, Wenatchee, four children and their spouses: Alan & Althea Fife, Yakima; Tim & Laurie Fife, Pasco; Vicki & Don Seabrook, East Wenatchee; and Chris and Kathy Fife, East Wenatchee. Two brothers and one sister: Jerry & Andrea Fife, Des Moines, Wa.; Shirley Bradford, East Wenatchee; and Jim & Laurel Fife, Wenatchee. He has 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother who remarried in later life to Wayne Rosekrans, adding stepsisters Jan Laine, Long Beach, CA., Reita & Paul Wood, Seattle, and Sara & Jim Christensen, Coeur d'Alene, to the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Child Care Ministries in care of Wenatchee Free Methodist Church.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, April 2, at 11a.m. at Wenatchee Free Methodist Church followed by a reception. A tow truck processional will lead to a graveside service at Evergreen Cemetery in East Wenatchee. A viewing will be held Wednesday between noon and 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Please express your thoughts and memories online at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.

com.

Arrangements by Heritage Memorial Chapel.

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Dear Jeannie and family,
Just wanted you to know that Jack and I were at the first hour of Ken's service but I'm sorry we had to leave early and didn't get to talk to you. I always enjoy hearing special memories that people get up and talk about. I remember Kenny from the old fast pitch softball days as well as all the years with Dick's towing. Back then our three daughters spent lots of time playing under the bleachers at the ball fields. Just want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Kenny will be missed by a lot of people.
Ruby and Jack

Ruby and Jack Proffitt - April 02, 2010 at 11:22 AM

VN

“ Jeanne and Family,
Even though I am not there in person today, know that my thoughts and prayers are with you today and always. Ken was such an important part of our family and will be missed by all. I am honored to call him "cousin"

Vivian Nalls - April 02, 2010 at 10:16 AM

BM

“ To Jeannie & the Fife family. I've had the pleasyure of knowing Ken for years. He was always smiling and was always there to help . He did so many things for the WVC
Automotive Program. He was our longest serving advisory committee member and always did anything the program or the students needed. He was a genuinely nice guy and they are rare. May God bless Ken and may God bless you all.

Blake Murray

Blake Murray - March 31, 2010 at 08:29 AM

RN

“ To the Fife family -- I personally did not know Ken but I have had the pleasure of working with his brother Jim at Land O'Lakes. If Ken was anything like his brother, he was a man of character and integrity. My condolences to all of you. May God bless your entire family during this time of sadness. Roger Nicol

Roger Nicol - March 31, 2010 at 04:17 AM

DC

“ I had the opportunity to be around Ken a few times over the years and remember that he always had a smile on his face and was very gracious to everyone regardless of who you were. That's a trait to be admired! I know how much he meant to the family and that he will be missed dearly. Fife family, I am so sorry for your loss. You need anything at all, you let us know. Love Daniele, Kayla, & Jared

Daniele Carlson - March 30, 2010 at 06:04 AM

LF

“ Tim and Laurie

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you say goodbye to a very special loved one. I pray that you will find comfort in the presence of God, family, friends and in the promise that is made to those who believe.

Laura, Kyle, Heather and Hailey

Laura Stark and family - March 30, 2010 at 06:00 AM

JM

“ Tim - our prayers are with you and your family in this time of sorrow. So sorry for your loss. The MacPherson's

Jerrod MacPherson - March 30, 2010 at 04:21 AM