



## Michael Elliott Compton

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Squilchuck, Washington

Michael E. "Mike" Compton, 70, a lifelong Squilchuck resident, passed away on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, following a sudden illness.

He was born on April 20, 1949, in Wenatchee to the late Darrell and Doris (Hickman) Compton. He was raised on the family ranch up Squilchuck and attended Wenatchee schools. Mike's dad passed away when Mike was 16 years old and with a farm to run he was forced to grow up fast. Under his grandfather, Ivan, Mike learned much about running a farm. He learned about leadership, innovation, fortitude, and business. All valuable lessons that Mike continued to use throughout his life, on and off the farm. Mike eventually took over the family farm from his grandfather and remained deeply connected to it until the day he passed.

Mike met and was later married to Tressa Lorraine Smith on July 18, 1970, in Wenatchee. They have continued to make their home together on the ranch up Squilchuck.

As a rancher, Mike enjoyed the farming implements and loved his tractors, dozers, trucks, as well as his cows. There have been 7 generations of

Comptons actively farming the Squilchuck since 1898. Mike had a great memory and could recall just about every story he ever experienced or was told about all 121 years. His passion for Agriculture led him to become a board member at Peshastin Hi-UP as well the Ag Supply Company in recent years. Mike became a Volunteer Fire Fighter for Chelan County Fire District # 1 in the 1970's and later became a Commissioner. He remained a Commissioner for many years until retiring in 2017. Mike was an automotive enthusiast with a love for muscle cars. He worked with many special friends through the years, especially with his involvement with 4-H, FFA, and the Chelan County Fair. He also spent many years working at Mission Ridge and Steven's Pass. His boys have many fond memories growing up with Mike on the mountain and riding in the Snowcats with Dad while he was grooming the runs. Family, farm and friends were very important to Mike. He enjoyed them all until the very end.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Tressa Compton of Squilchuck, WA; two sons and daughters-in-law: Jason & DeAnn Compton of Squilchuck, WA and Justin and Ember Compton of Sammamish, WA; brothers: Dan Compton of Badger Mountain and Jim (Jill) Compton of Chelan, WA; grandchildren: Kelly, Colton, Kadi, Madden, Chase, Nash; great-granddaughter, Mia and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ivan and Nolia (Flint) Compton, parents, and a brother, Scott Compton.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday August 9, 2019, at King's Orchard Church, located at 1610 Orchard Ave, Wenatchee, WA 98801. You are invited to view his tribute online at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) and leave a memory. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Wenatchee FFA Alumni.

# Tribute Wall

WO

“ *Tressa many fond memories from a long time ago. Thinking of you and your family  
woody*

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**woody** - August 11, 2019 at 07:48 PM

MW

“ *Tressa , Mike was as good a friend as anyone could ever hope to have . I always enjoyed trading adventures a d stories , he was always a jovial guy with good humor who would give you good advice , offer his opinion and could nicely criticize you if you needed it. I enjoyed time spent with him both on and off the ski hill , I maybe got him in trouble only one time in the 40 years I knew him . Will miss him but have great memories . Thinking of you both with love and respect . Mike Wolfe*

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**Mike Wolfe** - August 09, 2019 at 11:05 PM

JS

“ *I will always remember Mike for his peaceful and pleasant smile. Remembering him on his 4 wheeler, always with a nod and smile when I passed him by. Very hard working and gracious man. He will be missed. Janice Jessup/Seale*

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**Janice seale** - August 09, 2019 at 04:19 PM

DR

“ Theresa, Jason & Justin. My heartfelt condolences on your loss. Mike was such a wonderful man in every way. I first met him through work, but had many a wonderful conversation with him outside of the workplace. He will be missed by many of us outside your family. May he rest in the peace of knowing how many of us cared for him as well as his family. Let the memories fill your minds and hearts. I'm sure there are thousands upon thousands to be remembered and shared.

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**Dave Ryles** - August 05, 2019 at 11:25 AM

CL

“ We talked many hours about farming & the old days, many summer day spent up there, some of the BEST days ever! sure gonna miss him!!

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**Chris Lytle** - August 04, 2019 at 08:21 AM

SK

“ Theresa, Was so shocked to hear of Mike's passing. We were out of town and just found out when we got back. Dale said he just saw him on his side by side the day before we were leaving. So sorry for you and you family, I know you have a lifetime of special memories to hold at this time., to help you through this tough time. Our love and Prayers, Dale and Sherry Kimmerly

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**Sherry Kimmerly** - August 01, 2019 at 10:44 AM

DW

“ Teresa,  
We are so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this very difficult time. Just know that John and I are thinking of you and we love you!!

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**Debra Waymire** - July 31, 2019 at 04:02 PM

RC

“ Tressa & Family So very sorry to hear of Mike's passing ,He was a special and genuine guy who will be greatly missed. We hold you in our thoughts and prayers. If we can help in any way don't hesitate to call !!! Rick & Sandy Coggins

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**Rick Coggins** - July 31, 2019 at 03:06 PM

RC

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**Rick &Sandy Coggins** - July 30, 2019 at 11:41 PM

DW

“ I was very sorry to hear of Mikes passing, he was a Great guy and will be missed by all that new him. My condolences go out to his entire family. May his presence be with you always. God Bless.

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**Don Van Winkle** - July 30, 2019 at 04:17 PM

BB

“ Dear Compton Family,  
Thank you for supporting Mike while he served our Fire District for 45 years. His presence will be greatly missed; yet, his leadership will never be forgotten.  
God bless,  
Chelan County Fire District #1

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**Brian Brett** - July 30, 2019 at 11:30 AM

LM

“ Tressa our thoughts & prayers go out to you & your family. Please know we care & are here for you. May your beautiful memories help you thru the days ahead., Much love, Lisa & Steve Mattix family.

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**Lisa Mattix** - July 29, 2019 at 05:38 PM

MG

“ Theresa, Our hearts are so sad for you and your family. Special prayers and blessings. We are so sorry. Hugs, Matt and Cindy Gutzwiler

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**Matt D. Gutzwiler** - July 29, 2019 at 04:21 PM

DM

“ Theresa we are so sorry to hear about Mike. Prayers for you and your family. He was a special guy and a good friend for many years.

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**Dave and Becky Mathews** - July 28, 2019 at 04:04 PM

CH

“ Theresa and family we were so sorry to hear about Mike passing away. He was a special man and we know how much he was loved by all of you and how much he'll be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.  
Greg, Colleen and Breanne Hensley

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**Colleen Hensley** - July 28, 2019 at 12:00 PM