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Robert Gene "Bob" Rylie, 83 yrs. old, from Tonasket, WA he passed away on October 2, 2021, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane, WA after a brief illness.

Bob was born May 26, 1938, in Honolulu, Hawaii to the late Lewis Frank Rylie and Neta (Cutler) Rylie. He grew up as a military kid and lived in Hawaii, and California, before settling in Washington State.

Bob graduated from Arlington High School in 1957. After high school he attended Everett Community College. In the summers he worked as a wildland firefighter and rose to be head of a hotshot crew, working in the Cascade Mountains. In 1961 he moved to Bremerton, WA and worked at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard as an electrician in the apprenticeship program. From 1962-1993 he worked as a weapons test director at NUWC Keyport until he retired at age 55.

Bob met the love of his life Charlene Aldridge on April 15, 1966. He was so smitten by her that after three weeks of dating he proposed to her at

Charlene's senior prom. They were married on June 18, 1966, at Peace Lutheran Church in Monroe, Washington. They have had 55 wonderful years together.

Bob had a larger-than-life personality and his optimism and enthusiasm was contagious. He had boundless energy and was the hardest working guy you ever met. He was a patriot and loved this beautiful country. He had a passion for discussing issues and loved a good debate. The most important thing in Bob's life was his family. He had a big heart and if any of his family needed him, he would drop everything and help. He loved celebrating holidays and celebrations and was the life of the party.

Bob had many hobbies. He was an avid gardener, ham radio operator, a Beekeeper, he loved to travel, he loved the outdoors, camping and loved to spend summers at his trailer at Paradise Bay on the Hood Canal. In April 2004 Bob & Charlene bought a ranch in Tonasket, WA and took all his lifelong knowledge and enthusiasm and poured it into the place. He raised a small herd of cattle and various other farm animals. His ranch kept him very busy, and he was active all the way until the very end.

He is survived by his wife Charlene, sons Philip(life partner Tammy Wheaton), Dale(Meggam), daughters Roshelle(Mike), & Neta(Scott). His Grandchildren Ryan, Jakob, Rylie, Logan, Abby, Spencer, Hannah, Kenny, Lily, & Isabella. His sister Roberta Garfield, and his beloved pets his dogs Lavoy, Quincy, and cat Cleopatra.

He is preceded in death by his parents Lewis & Neta Rylie, and niece Shannon Clark

A Graveside Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, October 9th, 2021 at 10:00am, at Cashmere Cemetery in Cashmere, WA.



# Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP Uncle Bob , thank you for all the summers I spent with you and Aunt Charlene on Kitsap lake. You inspired me to learn Ham radio and pass my radio license at a very young , water ski, kill/eat rabbits and lots and lots of other things. Thank you for everything. He was a super awesome uncle ! Super glad to have part of his Galloway herd here on our ranch.*

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**Tom Bowers** - October 16, 2021 at 10:25 AM

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“ I met Bob many years ago when I was in Middle School and became friends with his two daughters Roshelle and Neta. I spent quite a bit of time at the Rylie house as a teen and on occasion went on family outings with them. I remember one time when I was over at their home on Kitsap Lake, Roshelle was showing me her Dad's (Bob) Office where he had his HAM Radio setup. He happen to come in and she asked him to tell me about it because he had a large map on the wall with pins of all the places around the world he had communicated with people. Bob happily explained what all this was and how it worked. You could tell that he had been doing this a long time and really enjoyed it.

One time I went camping with Bob, Charlene, Roshelle and Neta at their camp site down in Ocean Shores. One night we were having a campfire and Bob came out of the camper and was chasing us around the fire playing duck duck goose with us but he would hit us on the head and say "Monkey, Ape & Chimpanzee." It's one of those things that still kind of makes me chuckle today when I think about it.

I was lucky enough to visit Bob & Charlene in Tonasket about 6 yrs ago. I had heard so much about their property and how they had turned farmers :) Bob happily showed my boyfriend and I around the farm. We had a wonderful visit with Bob and Charlene. He was a wonderful man. I know he will be dearly missed. May he rest in peace and those left behind let his memory live on in their hearts.

*With Heartfelt Sympathy,*

*April Henderson*

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**April Henderson** - October 08, 2021 at 12:08 AM