



Robert Leon Rutherford

May 25, 1951 - August 22, 2011

Robert "Leon" Rutherford, 60, a former longtime Wenatchee resident, passed away on Monday evening, August 22, 2011 at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland.

He was born on May 25, 1951 at Longview, Washington to Leonard and Wanda Jean (Turner) Rutherford. He grew up in Longview and Wenatchee and attended Junior High and Wenatchee High School. Following high school, he moved with his family to Cove, Arkansas, where he worked planting trees for the Weyerhaeuser Company. In the mid 1980's, he returned to Wenatchee and worked as an Orchard Foreman.

He was married to Jolynne Kay "Spring" Erickson, on October 16, 1996 at Dayton, Washington. They made their first home together in Starbuck, Washington. He spent a lot of time teaching gunsmithing in Starbuck. They remained in Starbuck until moving to Kahlotus one year ago.

He is survived by his wife, Spring Rutherford, Kahlotus; three sons, Shane and Shawn Rutherford, both of Wenatchee and David Michael-Rayn Rutherford, Meena, Arkansas; four brothers and sisters, Dean Wayne Rutherford, Wesilla, Alaska, Ronda (Trey) Gooch, East Wenatchee, Reanette Lynn Johnson, Daton, WA and Johnny Jordan, Starbuck, WA; three half sisters, Mary, LeAnn & Lisa Rutherford and Foster son, Anthony Sanchez. of Kahlotus, WA. He was preceded in death his parents, Leonard Rutherford and Wanda Jordan.

A Family Gathering will be held at a later date. Arrangements are in the care

of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.