



## Rodger David Howe

May 23, 1939 - August 25, 2015

Rodger D. Howe, 76, a nine year Moses Lake resident and former longtime Othello resident, passed away on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee, following a sudden illness.

He was born on May 23, 1939 at Willow Creek, Oregon son of the late Oran and Elizabeth Ann (Daris) Howe. The family made a number of moves while he was growing up prior to settling at Othello. He attended the Othello High School and following high school, he went to work in Othello and within a short time went to work as a Ditch Rider for the East Columbia Basin Irrigation District.

On April 21, 1997, he was married to Karen Willis at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They made their home together in Othello. Rodger retired from the Irrigation District in 2006, after working there for 37 years. That same year, they moved to make their home in Moses Lake, where they have since remained.

Rodger seasonally did custom hay cutting and bailing for many years. They enjoyed creating their home in Moses Lake and made a number of trips to Alaska together. They had just recently returned from one of those trips. He also liked going fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Howe of Moses Lake; three step children and their spouses, Curtis & Angelia Ryuckman, Nikiski, Alaska, Christopher & Michelle Willis, Moses Lake and Rose & Darren Tembrink, Spokane; one brother and sister-in-law, Dale & Sharon Howe, Warden, WA; one sister and brother-in-law, Linda & Frank Waters, Pasco, WA; 12 grandchildren, 10 great

grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Larry Howe.

A Remembrance Gathering for Rodger is being planned for a later date. You are invited to visit his tribute online at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) and leave a memory for the family. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.