



Roland Edward Palmer I

October 22, 1940 - March 17, 2014

Roland Edward Palmer I, 73, a longtime resident of Riverside and Tunk Valley, Washington, passed away on Monday, March 17, 2014 in East Wenatchee, after a short battle with lung cancer.

He was born on October 22, 1940, at Lakeview, South Dakota, to the late Edward Raymond "Ray" and Emma Leotina (Schrader) Palmer. While he was growing up, he made numerous moves with his father's many jobs as a Blacksmith and Well Driller. They lived and worked in South Dakota and Nebraska. He grew up learning mechanics and began working on cars at the age of 12.

In the mid 1960's, he started his family in the South Central area of Montana. He moved to Norwalk, California in the late 1960's and soon made his home in the Baldwin Park area. Roland began his automotive career early and acquired his first car, a 1929 Chevrolet Sedan, at the age of 13 for free. The seller challenged him that if he could get it started he'd sell the car to him for \$10. Roland rose to the challenge and drove it quickly back to the seller; so impressed he gifted him the car. He continued to purchase model A's and T's from remote locations and doubled his money quickly. Through the years he built many personal favorite vehicles that included a pristine Studebaker pickup. He went to work as a Mechanic at Peck Road Ford in Whittier, California and in the late 1970's, he started his own company known as "Ron's Mobile Truck Repair". He operated his mobile mechanics business for eight years until moving in 1985, to the western life style he longed for at Tunk

Valley, Washington. He continued working as a Mechanic, Fabricator and Welder for a local machine shop and small gas engine repair shop in the area. He made the move into Riverside in 2003.

From the union of his first marriage were his children, Tammy and Robert; from the union of his second marriage was his son, Darrel and from the union of his third marriage were his children, Roland II and Natasha.

He was well known for having the knack to make people laugh. He was a fun, spunky and mischievous prankster. He loved camping trips with his children, horses, sentimental western mementos, guns and gun shows, and was a gourmet cook. He taught his children to play chess and the game casino. He was legendary for Halloween scares and extreme explosive firework pranks. He is known by most as "Papa".

He is survived by his children, Tammy & husband, Robert Hosfield, Wilsall, MT, Darrell & wife, Mirta Palmer, Riverside, CA, Roland Edward Palmer II, Covina, CA and Natasha & husband, Kyle Martin, East Wenatchee; his step-children, Peterjohn & wife, Mitzie Martinez, and Senovia Martinez all of Spokane; four siblings, Garnet & husband, Dale Jones Tucson, AZ, Ronald & wife, Arlee Palmer and Russell Palmer all of Billings, Montana and Phyllis & husband, Harold DeSoto, Lenoir City, Tennessee; 15 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Robert Palmer-Dahl, his parents, sister, Ruby Harris and infant brother and sister.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in Riverside, Washington at the Riverside Grange Hall on April 19, 2014, 2:30 pm. Guests are welcome to bring a dish to share at the potluck and to share their memories of Roland. You are invited to visit his tribute online at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

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“Dearest Natasha, Roland II, Arrow, Peterjohn, Tammy-and all the grandchildren and Palmer Family.

*My Heartfelt condolences on the loss of your
Poppy/Papa/Dad/Brother/Uncle/Grandfather etc*

*As I continue to think of you all daily. I cant help but be deeply
saddened & terribly sorry for the loss of your poppy.*

*My sincere condolences on your tragedy. You know that I'm
"Always" here for you at any given moment.*

*May the Lord give you all strength, comfort and peace in your hearts
during this difficult time.*

*You are all very blessed to have such precious memories of your
poppy to cherish always, hang on to them as I know you will.
For I will do the same with my memories that I do cherish about him.
I am truly grateful for Ron being a part of my life when I was
younger and appreciate him raising me from the age of 5 on up. I
am an amazing cook because of him and learned many things as
well from his teachings. for that im grateful. I Love him so much and
I will NEVER forget him. He will be Greatly Missed. and My heart
will always hold him close....*

*Please Know that I love you all so very much and im just a phone
call away when or if ever need me to talk, or laugh or just cry or just
listen.....*

*With heartfelt sympathy, Love & wisdom. please know you're all in
my thoughts and prayers today & always.*

*I Love you so much,
Blessings to you and yours,
Love your Sister,
Senovia ~*

Senovia Martinez (Step daughter) - March 28, 2014 at 03:25 PM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Roland Edward Palmer I*



March 26, 2014 at 09:52 PM



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March 26, 2014 at 01:42 AM



“ *One year Natasha and I made one of our trips up to see Poppy, this time it was on Valentines Day. When we got there Poppy had a big box of chocolates with an artificial rose on the front. He gave it to Natasha. Poppy then asked if I had a Valentine this year. I told him not this year, but maybe next year. He reached over ripped the flower off the front of the box of chocolates and handed it to me, said I'll be your Valentine with that big smile of his. How could I say no.... I still have that flower in my memory box back home. Best Valentines Day ever. Miss you Poppy!!!*

Julie - March 25, 2014 at 06:20 PM