



## Roy Coney Dixon

March 25, 1940 - February 27, 2009

Roy Coney Dixon, 68, of Malaga, went to his eternal home to be with the Lord on February 27, 2009. He will always be remembered as a loving husband, dad, grandpa and great-grandpa. He was born on March 25, 1940, in Allison, AR, to the late Luther and Edith Dixon. He was raised in Mountain View, AR. When Coney was young, he would work in the cotton fields to help the family out and later, he worked various jobs in the lumber industry in Arkansas. Coney eventually started making seasonal trips to Cashmere, WA, seeking orchard work. On one of his trips to Cashmere, he met Joan Marie Collins. Coney knew he had met the "Love of his Life" and he married Joan on August 28, 1964, in Wenatchee, WA. Coney and Joan continued making seasonal moves between Cashmere and different areas of Arkansas, which included Jacksonville, Fayetteville, Springdale and Alpena. In the early 1970's, they decided to make the Wenatchee Valley their permanent home. Coney worked in the area orchards in all capacities. He obtained a back injury that forced him to retire from orchard work. After retiring from orchard work, Coney decided to take a passion of his and make it a career, when he started breeding and raising German Shepherds. Coney's German Shepherds brought him a lot of joy and happiness over the years. Coney was an avid hunter and enjoyed taking his family on camping and fishing trips. You could always find him whittling on a piece of wood, his work was remarkable and will always be cherished.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Joan Dixon of Malaga; five children:

two sons, Dennis and wife, Rebecca Dixon of Mountain View, AR and Jeff and wife, Jennifer Dixon of Peshastin, WA; three daughters, Melissa and husband, Tony Gonzalez of Moses Lake, WA, Stacy and husband, Robert Watne of Vancouver, WA and Colleen Dixon of Malaga, WA; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, W.S. and wife, Betty Dixon of Harrison, AR; three sisters, Neoma and husband, Ed Stevens of Nevada, MO, Juanita and husband, William Trail of Artemas, PA and Barbara Reynolds of Fox, AR. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Orville Slayton; and infant son, Mark Dixon.

Commemoration Service will be held at the Graveside in the Cashmere Cemetery on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow the service at the Cashmere American Legion Hall. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel in East Wenatchee.

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