



## Sherman Lee Evenhus

September 18, 1949 - July 28, 2017

Sherman Lee Evenhus aka "White Rabbit", 67, of Rock Island, WA, went down swinging, just like he always said he would, after a hard fought battle with prostate cancer in the early hours Friday, July 28, 2017. He was born September 18, 1949, in Devils Lake ND to Harold and Jane Evenhus. The family moved to Rock Island in 1953 and that is where his legacy began....

From riding a horse naked into The Rock at a young age to building a field at Tedford Park for the kids, Sherman wrote his own rules and paved his own way and if you said he couldn't do it, he would make sure that he did. He was a rare combination of someone who had a love of life and a firm understanding of what was important. The simplicity of living a life with those you love and living each day as if it was your last. Sherman lived and died by those two things. He was larger than life and those that knew him can attest to that.

Sherman lived a vibrant life on his terms. He soaked up every opportunity for adventure and excitement and was known for telling it like it is. He enjoyed giving those he loved a hard time and you only worried when he stopped. He was happiest outside, coaching baseball, smoking cigars on the front porch, hiking the hills of Wenatchee, being around his daughter's horses, and hunting in the Sage and Golden Fields of Sach's hunting club. He cherished times with his friends telling many wild and crazy stories by the over-sized fire at hunting

camp. He was very passionate about his family, friends, hot rods, hunting, hiking and as most of you know that black stuff called Asphalt.

Sherman will be remembered for his sense of humor, helping hands and the love for the outdoors. Although not with us anymore, the White Rabbit lives on in the people he touched and his family that loves him.

Sherman is survived by his wife Laurie, brother, Stanton, sister Sharon McDougall, daughter Sharmon Hilliard, son Shawn, daughter-in-law Kit, grand kids, Tyler Hilliard, Madison Hilliard and Barrett Evenhus. He is preceded in death by his parents, Harold "Whitey" Evenhus, Jane Evenhus, brother, Stewart Evenhus, nephew Derek Evenhus.

A Memorial Service for Sherman will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at the home of his brother Stan, 399 N Union Avenue near the airport. A graveside service with Military Honors will directly follow at Evergreen Memorial Park, all are invited. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Sherm's numerous friends who stopped by daily for a visit on the front porch and to the dedicated Hospice team for making his final days peaceful and as pain free as possible.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting memorial donations be made in Sherman's name to local youth baseball, or to the Eastmont Baptist Church.

In remembrance of Sherman go for a hike or a run; volunteer your time to local youth activities and share with those closest to you how much you love them.



# Tribute Wall

LH

“ We send our condolences to the Evenhus family on Sherman's death. While we knew Sherman mainly through his father Whitey, we do know that his father was proud of him and in Whitey fashion boasted about Sherm over the years just as he did with all his kids. May God's assurance and blessing be with all the family as you mourn his loss.

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**Larry & Pam Hall** - August 08, 2017 at 08:50 AM

BD

“ Growing up as one of the Rock Island boys with Sherm and Stan were some of the best times of my life. Sherm was the man, when he walked in a room the fun began. He lived his life with integrity and what you saw was what you got. The planet lost a good one but his legacy will never be forgotten. He was truly one of the good guys. God Bless you Laurie and family, Stan and Sharon, Celebrate his life like he would!!

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**Bobby Dillard** - August 05, 2017 at 10:52 AM

MK

“ In the late 70's my dad, Wynn Rytter, worked with Sherman and was very fond of him. My sincere condolences to all of the family. Mary Rytter Kelley.

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**Mary Rytter Kelley** - August 03, 2017 at 10:32 PM

BS

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers to the family. We know that he will really be missed.

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**Bob & Anne Scott** - August 02, 2017 at 03:40 PM

RC

“ So very sorry for your loss Shawn. He is pain free now and walking in peaceful fields.

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**Randy & Deb Cox** - August 02, 2017 at 08:23 AM

JC

“ I can't remember the first time I met Sherman but I know of some other times, like Camel Fighting down at Rock Island Tavern, spending time at his house, partying....man what fun parties. Baseball, working on that field full of goat heads..what a project!!!! Sherman and Laurie were my life, I spent so much time with them and that time lives on forever. Sometimes Sherm and I would butt heads so bad but always end up forgetting about it and moving on. That's the way he was. He and Laurie helped shape me and I love them for it, our friendship has lived on.

*I am so sorry Laurie, Sharmon, Shawn....we had such wonderful times with your Dad. You are all so precious to me and I am so grateful for that. Like your Dad, you are all*

*"Forever In My Heart"*

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**Judith Campbell** - August 01, 2017 at 10:02 PM

BM

“ Lovely tribute of Sherm, he was such a character! We so enjoyed knowing him, he will be so missed. My thoughts and prayers to all his family ~

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**Barb Summers Matney** - August 01, 2017 at 09:31 PM

DS

“ Many memories of Sherm's familiar face two houses down from where I grew up in R.I. He had a unique sense of humor, and was a quick wit. His G.T.O. was the envy of younger kids like me, and if I remember right, Stan & him shared that beautiful ride. Our heartfelt condolences to friends and family at their loss.

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**Dick&Sue Sinclair** - August 01, 2017 at 05:05 PM

VS

“ A friendship that spanned decades...for so many of us who began at Morill Asphalt. My heart aches for you, Laurie and Sharmin and Shawn. Sherm was deeply loved by many, add me to the numbers. I am so glad I was able to see him my last trip home in May. I send blessings and prayers from North Carolina.

*Vicki*

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**Vicki Smith** - August 01, 2017 at 12:34 AM

MW

“ The year was 1999; Sherman was the Construction Superintendent, and I was the City Inspector. It was a hot day in Wenatchee on Miller Street. Tempers, could fly easily if anything went wrong. The paving crew was in-sink, everyone was working. I was walking along side of the paver, checking asphalt yield and crown grade. The semi-trucks and plant were running on time. I looked up at Sherman, he gave me a signal, he had a question? You know, the head nods back, "get up here". I jumped on the step of the paver next to him as we paved through the intersection of Miller and Cherry Street.

Sherman proudly says, "my boy is in there somewhere." I looked at the sea of high school football players at Pioneer Middle School. I must of been staring too long because out of the corner of my eye, a crooked "gotcha smile" on Sherman face, "Imagine all those tiny peanuts." I looked at him stunned for a second and then burst out laughing. Suddenly, the hot weather; a 12-hour day work week was not a problem. I think of the "White Rabbit", every time I drive past those practice fields and his random calls. "Hello, Marge, White Rabbit here." I will miss that good man. Healing blessings to his family and friends.

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**Margie Wilson** - July 31, 2017 at 07:03 PM

KH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.

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**Kelly Hersel-Morrow** - July 31, 2017 at 12:18 PM

PM

“ *Lori, Sharman, Shawn & Family - Jeanne and I feel your loss with heavy hearts. Sherman was a great friend to me and I we will surely miss him. He was one of a kind and can't be replaced. If there is anything we can do to help, let us know.  
With much love to your family moving forward in this difficult time.  
Phil & Jeanne*

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**Phil & Jeanne Meenach** - July 29, 2017 at 03:56 PM