



Ronald Ferch

August 19, 1937 - December 9, 2018

Ronald (Ron) Alvin Ferch passed away on Sunday, December 9, 2018, at the age of 81 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Washington. He was born in Tacoma, Washington, on August 19, 1937, and grew up in Puyallup, Washington. He attended Puyallup High School where he played on the golf team and graduated in the class of 1955. He then enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska. He considered himself fortunate to be selected as a member of the Army Ski Team and to serve his country by competing in downhill races. One of his goals was to reach age 80 so he could ski for free at White Pass. He always said skiing was as close to flying and being free as a man could get. > > After the Army, he worked in sales for various companies. In the 1980s he became a partner in North America Resources International (Trimax Ltd./NARI Ltd), a company that exported forest products to Asia. He traveled to Korea and South America and never lost his love for Korean food . In 1989 this company was the recipient of the Governor's Export Award for Forest Products. He retired from this company in the 1990s and moved to the Randle/Packwood area. > > He loved to play golf, ski, watch sports on TV, and be with good friends. Horses were always a part of his life. He was a member of the Pierce County Sheriff Posse and > the Packwood area lent itself to riding and owning horses. He had many fun trail rides with friends and family. He was proud of the fact that he still maintained friendships with many from his high school days. Friendships meant a great deal to him as he was of the Old School Ways. > > He is preceded in death by his parents, Al and Jerene Ferch and his son Jon Allen Ferch. His family members include his wife and friend, Rose Marie Ferch, his daughter, Lisa Lynn Tunistra (Steve), his son, Dean Allen Ferch (Jackie), a beloved grandson, Jon Jeffery Ferch (Alisha), step - daughter Anne Marie Kachmarek (Joel), his precious and much loved great-granddaughters, Lily and Emma Ferch, and his beloved granddaughters, Claire and Avery Kachmarek, his sister, Carol Ferch (Dan Willsie) and a nephew Blake Trask.

Cemetery

Events

Mountain View Memorial Park

4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW
Lakewood, WA, 98499

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Chapel Service

01:30PM

Packwood Community Presbyterian Church
13096 US Highway 12, Packwood, WA, US, 98361

Comments



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Ronald Ferch.



January 08 at 06:26 PM



“ I met Ron in the 90s, he and Rose were neighbors of my folks in Packwood. The first time I met him he was riding a horse along the edge of the Cowlitz sending a huge rooster tail of water behind him and I thought "who is this John Wayne character"? I went skiing with him a couple of times at White Pass and he was one of the best skiers I had ever seen. He was one of the nicest men I have ever met and one of the biggest personalities as well. Ron was a great man and I am glad I got to know him. I don't get out to Packwood too often anymore but some of my best memories are of visiting with Ron and Rosie. I will miss you Ron and Rosie you are in our thoughts.

-Mike Thompson

Mike Thompson - December 28, 2018 at 01:54 PM



“ Thank you Mike . We loved your family

Rose Marie Ferch - December 30, 2018 at 01:08 AM



“ I first met Ron when he started building his place along the Cowlitz River near Packwood. I have to say that my first impression was that the neighborhood would not be the same. And it never was--it became a better place. Ron was instrumental in bringing our little Baker Road neighborhood to life. To be sure, Ron and I had our differences but as time went on, we each realized that we owned a similar piece of paradise along the Cowlitz and that we had more in common than not. When I was building my gypsy wagon he would come over and laugh, wondering out loud, "what the hell are you making?" But then he decided it needed some CVG fir plywood that his father had made in the 40's. More than once he rescued those sheets when they floated away in various floods. The plywood developed a beautiful patina over the years and now graces the inside walls of the gypsy wagon. Thanks for the wood, Ron; thanks for the jokes; and thanks for the friendship.

Ron would often speak of friends who had died and he always told them he'd throw a

rock in some body of water that was important in their friendship. For me, it was the Cowlitz that connected us. I'll throw a rock in the river for you my friend.

Russ Prior

Russ Prior - December 23, 2018 at 01:40 AM



“ Ron and I first met in about 1967. He was brash, funny and smart, even then. Who would have thought that years later He, Rosie, Bud and I would end up living in Packwood, that beautiful little town with such great people. I think we all blended in quite well, especially Ron. He always made me laugh, even if we disagreed, once in awhile. To think we won't meet again, on this earth, makes me said. You're in a better place, Ron. I hope the skiings great!

Karen Crest

Karen Crest - December 21, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ Rosie--I am so so sorry that Ronnie passed..He fought so hard..Kim and I will be there on the 12th..I love you so much...xx oo

Rena - December 21, 2018 at 12:44 AM



“ Memories.. So many..I was new in town 1990 at the Hardware store..Ron had bought a new weed eater and had it laid out trying to figure it out... He looked at me and cracked up and I did too...That was our first introduction...He was so nice and friendly.. His personality was unbelievable and contagious... We became friends-he, Rosie and me..I fell I love with their two beautiful shephards and I started house and dog sitting.. I had two more friends then in the Ferch family and loved every minute of it

When the snow flew-Ron always checked to see if I needed help with anything.. I can't really sum up who Ronnie was in a few words--he was great, funny,smart ,smart a and a superb joke teller and I loved him and will miss him muchly !! Sleep well funny face..Little Rena

Rena - December 21, 2018 at 12:38 AM



“ I remember that day at Hardware store . Will be glad to see you . You and Kim were special to him

Rose Marie - December 21, 2018 at 10:09 AM



“ Ron was my mentor he helped me to do what I spend 30 years trying to do before we met he made it possible for me to get much more out of my life. We where so much alike and I will miss him very much.
Ron Murphy Australia.

murphy - December 20, 2018 at 11:11 PM



“ He loved your phone calls. I hope you still call . I would love them also but now we have Facebook.

Rose Marie Ferch - December 21, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ Rosie , , , So sorry for your loss,
Betty Simonds . . . Mercer Island, WA

Betty Simonds - December 25, 2018 at 12:44 AM



“ I treasure those 17 years of good Packwood memories. He was a kind and caring man, available to help anyone, and he did just that. Ron will be missed, but the memories remain! May the slopes be covered with freshly-fallen snow and may he and Darrell once again play golf on freshly-mowed fairways searching for that reclusive “hole in one.” Rest in peace my friend. ~~"Little Cheryl" (Ron's nickname for me), Cheryl Thompson

Cheryl Thompson - December 20, 2018 at 07:04 PM



“ Ron always asked that his name be shouted from the top of the mountain when he learned that I was going skiing. Rest in peace my friend, I will always call your name from the top!
Bill McGovern

Bill McGovern - December 20, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ Ron had to be one of the all time best story tellers I've known. His stories were humorous and no one enjoyed them more than he did. He was a real gentleman and I'll miss his many visits to our office. RIP my friend!

Joe Nealon

Joe Nealon - December 20, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ Ron was very vivacious, and quick witted. He was a kind man and a man with an opinion. He challenged you with his humor. He loved life. He brought life to a conversation, he will be missed



Barbara Wright - December 20, 2018 at 02:11 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Ronald Ferch.



December 20, 2018 at 12:40 PM