



Russell Kvam

February 23, 1929 - September 10, 2014

Russell Vernon Kvam passed away unexpectedly on September 10, 2014. Russ was born in Kief, ND to J. Palmer Kvam and Signe Kleven Kvam on February 23, 1929. The family moved to Bremerton, WA in 1945 where Russ graduated from Bremerton High School in 1947. Following graduation Russ enrolled in telegraph school in Spokane, WA leading to a job with the Great Northern Railroad in 1948. Russ was drafted into the U.S. Army for the Korean War in 1951. Upon his honorable discharge in 1953 he returned to a career with the railroad.

On December 6, 1955 he married Patricia Homan in Ballard, WA. Russ and Pat made their home in the Grotto and Skykomish, WA area for 39 years where Russ continued as station agent for the railroad until his retirement in 1983. After retirement, Russ and Pat lived in Yuma, AZ until 2007 when they moved to Midvale, UT where Russ lived in the family home until his passing. Pat preceded him in death in 2009.

Russ leaves behind his three children, Jim of Yelm, WA, Larry (Kelly) of Sandy, UT and special needs daughter Julie of Riverton, UT.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date in Yuma, AZ.

Condolences and remembrances can be made online at www.serenityfhs.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Russell Kvam*

October 05, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Jim, Julie and Larry,*

I put Larry last here because of your dad and mom! I used to babysit the 3 of you when you were young. I will always remember that I would get a call in the afternoon asking if I could babysit THAT evening because your mom and dad "needed to get away". As we lived right next door I would always take the job. At the end of the evening I would go home after getting my IOU for \$0.75 an hour and relate the evening events to my parents. It wasn't until years later that I realized that Russ and Pat called me at the last minute to take care of you kids because ONE OF YOU HAD "THE DIARRHEA"! Most often Larry who seemed to enjoy loading his diaper and then waiting for the changing table to unload again! I think that when your dad got home and found out that Pat was feeding Larry apple juice that he would say, "you know it has been a few days since we got away, if you catch my drift"! I do not remember a single time babysitting when all 3 of you were "normal kids"! I think Russ picked on me the most because I used to go to the post office and ring the buzzer into your house to get your mom to come over so that I could ask "do we have any mail?" I liked the cookies that she kept over there away from you three!

My condolences to you on your loss.

Earl Valentine

Earl Valentine - September 19, 2014 at 12:49 PM

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“ *Jim, Larry and Julie*

Hugs to all of you! So sorry to hear of Russ passing. You three were the lights of his life! (besides your Mom of course) He was always so gentle, unless one of us hooligans gave you two boys a hard time...then we got the Russ finger shaking. stern look and the 'leave them be!'. My condolences to you all!

Kathy Valentine Harris - September 19, 2014 at 08:20 AM

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“ *Jim, Larry, and Julie.. My heart goes out to you ...Russ was a funny, fun and caring man. Connie (Flynn) Cunningham*

Connie Cunningham - September 18, 2014 at 01:27 AM

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“ Jim, Larry, and Julie, Our deepest condolences for your loss...We remember him and your Mom (Pat)...they were wonderful caring people...the best. Your dad had a dry sense of humor, so enjoyed talking with him...I can remember playing cards with them. Pat and I tried to work out some hand signals...lol... Russ and Ron both military men would always catch us...they were fabulous neighbors, made us feel right at home when we lived in Jack and Engalettas small house behind the Grotto post office... One of our sons, decided to run away...he was around 4.walking by your dad's house carrying his pants...Russ came out and gave him some money, told him " here is a little change to help you along the way" it was priceless....Kevin came running back in forgot about running away, excited about the change in his hand... They were precious people... And will be missed by many. I am very thankful our paths crossed. If there is anything we can do, please don't hesitate to contact us...Love to the family...

Ron and Betty DeLay
Arlington, Washington

Betty DeLay - September 17, 2014 at 01:08 PM

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Kathy Valentine Harris - September 19, 2014 at 08:18 AM