



Vernon G. Lawrence

August 29, 1927 - May 29, 2014

Vernon Lawrence (86) of White Swan passed away on May 29, 2014 at Cottage in the Meadow in Yakima. He was born August 29, 1927 in Yakima to Henderson "Hank" and Emma (Spence) Lawrence. He was an enrolled member of the Yakama Nation. A cattleman for many years he was a member of the Klickitat Cattlemens Association and was riding foreman on the closed area of the Yakama Reservation running his cattle with other members including his mother and brothers. He was active in rodeos for many years competing in calf roping, team roping and cow milking.

After his marriage to Michele "Mike" Jewell they raised registered quarter horses. They received a certificate honoring their 40 years of breeding and raising American Quarter Horses. He also purchased many thoroughbred horses from the track to train as polo horses. His VL brand is well known. He prided himself on always being truthful about the horses he sold. His motto was "if you can't do a job on horseback it wasn't worth doing".

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Mike; four daughters, Terri (Pard) Cline of Vale, OR, Robin Lawrence of Baker, OR, Jennifer (Galen) Norman of Yakima, Kim (Doug) Townsend of Seattle; four sons, Jeff (Liz) Lawrence of Yakima, Jim (Sandra) Lawrence of White Swan, Bill (Lisa) Lawrence of Ellensburg and Tom Lawrence of Spokane; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Vernon was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Carroll & Melvin and a sister, Winona Brown Christianson.

A memorial service will be held June 7, 2014 at 1PM at the White Swan

United Methodist Church. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Union Gospel Mission or charity of ones choice. The family would like to send a special thank you to all of his caregivers the past few months. Friends can send condolences to www.toppenishfunerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangments.

Tribute Wall



“ *Vernon G. Lawrence*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Jack & Dianne Horton purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Vernon G. Lawrence.*



Jack & Dianne Horton - June 09, 2014 at 01:51 PM



“ *To the Lawrence family, Sorry to hear that Vernon passed away I always enjoyed visiting with him.*

Sheryl Sutton - June 07, 2014 at 01:28 AM



“ *We send our condolences to Mike and the Lawrence Family. We will miss our neighbor and all the enjoyable visits that we have shared over the years. Remember all the good times that you have shared with him and this will help you get through the tough times.*

Kip & Lyndia Ramsey - June 07, 2014 at 12:30 AM

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“ If memory serves me well, Vernon, and his brother Melvin were friends of my father, Don Wallace. This was many years ago when we went to Toppenish and watched them play polo. Polo took a lot of good horses There must be a special place in heaven for all those good cowboys being such good friends. Such good memories. Donna Wallace

Donna Wallace Everett - June 01, 2014 at 08:00 PM



“ I have great memories of going out with my parents many different times, and looking for horses at his place. I am very sorry for your loss.

~Jackie Linarez

Jackie Lydon Linarez - May 31, 2014 at 09:15 AM



“ Jim, Bill and families so sorry to hear the news.. what a great man he was.. and always will be

Bonnie Bradley - May 31, 2014 at 12:54 AM

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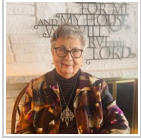
“ He was a great man who never forgot a name of his horses but with age and memory loss he forgot who we were but NOT his horses. That was always a joke between Jim and I. A couple of weeks before we lost him I was telling him about a barrel race I went to and he got a grin on his face and said "oh, that's a good horse". He loved talking about his horses he raised and we have a lot of pictures to show for it. Good bye for now papa cowboy.

Sandra Lawrence - May 31, 2014 at 12:36 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss my class mate and friend Bill.*

Pattie Jo Woodward - May 30, 2014 at 10:53 PM



“ *Vernon was the best man at my wedding. He and my husband roped together, and gathered wild horses together. Cal told many stories of their adventures. My sympathy.*

Mary Courtright

Mary Courtright - May 30, 2014 at 09:01 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss and my heart and prayers go out to the family.*



Janet Swaim - May 30, 2014 at 02:51 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss... my thoughts are with all the Lawrence family..*
Jacque Green



Jacque Green - May 30, 2014 at 02:42 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss of this wonderful man. I may not make it to the service, but you will be in my thoughts and prayers..
Sue Shockley-Myra

Sue Shockley-Myra - May 30, 2014 at 01:27 PM

 Gwen Mangelson

“ Vernon was one of my Dad's very best friends. When my dad passed away 19 years ago Vernon was late for the service and we knew he was coming so we waited for him. When he got there he said to us " Well there's been many time I had to wait for Slim, now we are even" it was so funny. I remember so well Vernon's sense of humor and that he and dad would sit for hours telling stories and checking out the horses. I am blessed to have known him and his family. He will be sorely missed.

Gwen Mangelson - May 30, 2014 at 10:11 AM

 Andrew Schilperoort

Death is hard. Not just on the immediate family but for everyone that person touched in their life

Andrew Schilperoort - May 30, 2014 at 01:01 PM

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Vernon and his sons meant a lot to my dad. Prayers go out for the Lawrences. God bless.

Kelly Minor - May 30, 2014 at 06:07 PM