



Bobby Banning

October 18, 2022

Bobby Banning passed away peacefully on October 18, 2022, at the age of 85. He was surrounded by family who loved him dearly. Bobby was born July of 1937 in IZARD County, Arkansas to Clyde and Eva Banning. At a very young age, Bob made the decision to hitch hike to Washington for a better life and ended up in Wenatchee. On October 15, 1955 he married his wife Flora Mae of Wenatchee and together they had 5 children; Paul, Connie, Ronnie, Randy and Theodore.

Bob was a talker and could spend hours taking with friends and family, which would lead to late dinners, so his kids say. Bob enjoyed being outside and had a knack for gardening and loved watching plants and trees grow. Bob was very good at it. He started his career working for Van Well Nursery and Vans Garden Center and had a dream to one day own an Orchard and tree nursery himself. In 1965 Bob started the family business Banning Orchards and Nursery with his sons and daughter. He was very knowledgeable in his line of work and even patented two varieties of apples, the Banning Red Fuji and Ultima Gala. Bob successfully succeeded his goals in life. His family and his orchard business were the two most important things in his long fulfilling time on this earth.

Bob is survived by his wife Flora Mae, his 5 children, his sister Joyce Horner of Oregon, brother Wendell Banning of Spokane and many grandkids and

great grandkids. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, 4 brothers and 1 sister.

The family would like to extend a huge thank you to the Caregivers who took care of Bob the last years of his life. Your hard work and dedication will never be forgotten.

Private family services held at Evergreen Memorial Park.

Arrangements in the care of Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee

Tribute Wall

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“ *Worked with Bobby at Van Well Nursery when I worked there from 1952-58. Haven't seen him since days of Van's Garden center in 92. Wish all his family condolences and happier days ahead.*

Larry Russell - November 04, 2022 at 04:55 PM

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“ *So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I will never forget the joy I had when I got to see and talk to him. He always called me Christy. My Dad always enjoyed Bob also. I never forget one day taking Dad for a drive and we drove by your Mother and Dad's house and he was sitting in his chair in the driveway enjoying the afternoon. He and Dad had a quick chat. I just remember how it brightened our day. I will keep you all in my prayers. Memories are our gift from the heaven above to help with the pain of the loss. He will watch over you all from above. Chris VanWell*

CHRIS VAN WELL - October 27, 2022 at 05:14 PM

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“ *Bobby and I some great times fishing It a sad day.for me to.*

Paul king - October 25, 2022 at 11:27 AM