



Ronald L. Sturtz

October 8, 1943 - January 24, 2014

Ronald L. Sturtz was born October 8, 1943 to Lowell W. and Barbara Rollett (Gilbert) Sturtz in Wenatchee, WA. Ron passed away Friday, January 24, 2014, at First Hill Swedish Hospital in Seattle with his family at his side and among the many doctors, nurses and medical staff that provided him with such exceptional care.

Ron was raised in Wenatchee and East Wenatchee and graduated from Eastmont High School in 1961. Following graduation from Kinman Business University he worked for Douglas County PUD and Chevrolet Dealerships in Tonasket and Oak Harbor. For 42 years Ron has been a tax accountant. In 1971 he went to work for Franklin, Homchick and Koch, CPA's in their Chelan office, eventually working solely with J.D. Franklin. He then joined Karl Harding CPA, starting his own practice after Karl passed away in 1995. Ron was an Enrolled Agent, with a large office in Chelan and a second office in East Wenatchee. Ron genuinely cared for his clients and was a friend to everyone.

He cherished his childhood memories of life on his grandparents ranch located on the Columbia River across from the Spanish Castle. He enjoyed playing on the sandbar, fishing with grandpa and admiring his grandpa's boat making skills and telling how his grandpa made them their first set of water skis.

Ron embraced life with enthusiasm and enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, dancing, and above all, cars. He was a member of the Wenatchee Valley

Corvette Club. He was unable to complete his latest project of restoring a 1937 Chevrolet Coupe. Ron was a perfectionist and excelled at everything he did. He was a genuine "handyman" and wasn't afraid to pick up a hammer or saw and start a remodeling project or addition to the home. He was the "go to" guy for family and friends who needed an answer to most anything.

Ron loved music and was active in choir and band while in school. He was a trumpet player in The Panamas, a Dixie Land band. He was also a member of the Wenatchee Apollo Club for many years.

Ron fought a brave battle the last two and a half years, overcoming significant odds. Through it all he never complained and always showed a positive attitude. He was an amazing man and earned the respect and admiration of all who knew him and treated him.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Dr. Brian Louie and his team, the many doctors, nurses and technicians at Swedish Hospital, whom we lovingly referred to as our "second family", and to Dr. Samuel Ortiz and his staff at Central Washington Physicians Clinic. He always looked forward to swapping hunting and fishing stories with Dr. Ortiz.

Ron was preceded in death by his father and step-mother, Lowell W. and Reva M. Sturtz and his mother and step-father, Barbara R. and Richard Hein, all of Wenatchee, and his father-in-law, Morris E. Risen of Everett.

Ron made his home in East Wenatchee for the last 26 years and is survived by his loving wife, Sandy, his daughter Tina Sturtz of Seattle, son Tony (Sheri) Sturtz of E. Wenatchee, grandchildren Martin (Kayla) Wachtel and Shelby Sturtz of E. Wenatchee, Jessica Sturtz of Wenatchee, Kaitlyn Reiman of Cashmere, Sydney Reiman of Seattle and Jennifer Sturtz of Los Angeles, CA, and great-grandchild Jaxson Ryan Craig of Wenatchee, brothers Steve (Kathy) Sturtz of Chelan, Raymond (Barbara) Sturtz of Arlington, WA and sister Connie (Bill) McDermott of Henderson, NV. He is also survived by Sandy's family who loved him dearly, mother-in-law Mary Risen of Everett, sister-in-law Sharon (Gary) Roberts of St. Charles, MO, brothers-in-law Mike (Bonny) Risen of E. Wenatchee and Mark (Christine) Risen of Mill Creek, WA.

He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He loved each and everyone one of you.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church; 1400 S. Miller St., Wenatchee. Memorials may be made to Swedish Medical Center Foundation - First Hill Campus; 747 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122. Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.telfordschapel.com. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall



“ *lit a candle in memory of Ronald L. Sturtz* ”



February 01, 2014 at 09:50 PM

JD

“ I join all of you with my thought: Oh, how I'm going to miss him.

I 1st began working with Ron when I was at the bank & he was working for Jim Franklin. Many an hour & night did we work together on lengthy Small Business Loans, & then through all of these years with mutual clients.

Ron was so much more than an accountant. As everyone has said he was also & friend to me & my clients. Ron was knowledgeable, but more than that he was practical & used common sense, down to earth stuff you could use. He was versatile & knew a lot about a lot of different things, industries, not just the accounting part. Ron gave good advice, things that could really be used.

I and my clients were so blessed to have had Ron working for & with us.

The picture that keeps going thru my mind is of Ron sitting at his desk, & this small shoulder shrug, palms up on his desk, & saying, "What are you going to do?"

We're going to miss him. God's love & comfort to you all.

Jeri Dowell & Al Cole

Jeri Dowell - February 01, 2014 at 02:01 PM

PD

“ I first met Ron at Homchick & Koch. When he came to work there he was put in my office. He was a really nice guy and we got along very well. One time my daughter did something to her car and it was up at Mission Ridge. I was telling Ron about it and he immediately offered to help me get the car fixed, so after work we went up to Mission Ridge and he fixed whatever was wrong (it has been so long ago I forgot) and got her car back down to Wenatchee. I was forever grateful to him for helping me out. Ron's dad, Lowell, used to call me Ronnie's roommate because we worked together in the same office. I haven't seen Ron for a few years but I was truly saddened by his passing. He won't be forgotten.

Patty Day - January 31, 2014 at 06:40 PM



“ lit a candle in memory of Ronald L. Sturtz



January 31, 2014 at 06:25 PM

LF

“ I have just (Thursday evening) learned of this. I'm very sorry to hear of course. I wish we had known at some time when we could have visited in Swedish in Seattle. I work a walking distance from there. I read the obituary, and sure do remember the model A hotrod from the late '60s and the thrill I got when I was allowed to drive it a bit in Tonasket when I was still in High School! I visited Ron once at his office in Chelan and remember a Gilbert family reunion and a run out to the gilbert homestead site maybe 25 years ago! Time sure flies. All the best to everyone, sorry for the events that led to this. God bless.

Larry Reed & family - January 31, 2014 at 12:02 AM

LF

“ Thank You, Ron Sturtz

The Lake Chelan Recreation Development Foundation (LCRDF) wishes to express our extreme sadness for the loss of our friend and co-worker, Ron Sturtz. Ron was a founding board member when our foundation was formed in 1999 and was instrumental in the accomplishment of numerous local LCRDF projects over the past 15 years.

A seasoned professional, Ron would routinely guide LCRDF with astute advice. His quiet and efficient demeanor belied a rugged composition and inner strength reminiscent of the early pioneers. He provided a stable and consistent presence that supported the best possible decisions. Although deeply involved in serving his numerous clients in his successful business, he patiently and regularly provided a stabilizing force for our foundation. Ron was a man who lived a life of victory.

It is with intense sadness and a profound sense of loss that we accept the loss of Ron, and we extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

LCRDF Board of Directors

Lake Chelan Recreation Development Foundation - January 30, 2014 at 08:07 PM