



Ronald Hugh Vibbert

January 19, 1944 - June 4, 2010

Ronald Hugh Vibbert went to be with the Lord on June 4, 2010. He was born January 19, 1944, in Redmond, OR, to J. Ronald and Iva (Marshall) Vibbert of Gateway, OR. Hugh excelled in his educational endeavors, 4-H and FFA. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1966, and taught vocational agriculture in Hood River, OR for several years, before returning to Gateway to join his father on their fifth generation family farm/ranch in Central Oregon. Hugh married the love of his life, Joy Thompson, in 1971. They continued to live and work on the family farm as they raised their three children. Hugh and Joy moved to Wenatchee, WA in 2005, where Hugh worked for Wenatchee Valley College in various educational roles, including as Dean of Professional and Technical Education. Hugh loved to be with his family, especially his four granddaughters. He loved to sail his boat on Lake Chelan, go camping and to work in his shop. His true passion was for teaching: from his work as an elder and Sunday school teacher in the Gateway Missionary Baptist Church, to his life-long efforts in agricultural education.

Hugh is survived by his loving wife, Joy, of Wenatchee; his daughter, Christa (Brian) Callanan of Seattle, WA; his son, Todd (Meaghan) Vibbert of East Wenatchee, WA; and his daughter, Cara Vibbert of Seattle. He leaves his granddaughters, Emma and Charlotte Callanan of Seattle and Madeline and Katherine Vibbert of East Wenatchee, who loved their "Papa." Also surviving are Hugh's brother, Bryce (Linda) Vibbert of Gateway; and his sister, Karen

Potampa of Madras, OR; as well as aunts, uncles and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceding Hugh in death were his father; mother; and his brother-in-law, Orrin Potampa. Hugh will be remembered as the kindest, most loving and generous of souls, who touched innumerable lives with his quiet example of selfless service.

Following a Private Family Service for Interment at Evergreen Memorial Park in East Wenatchee, there will be a Memorial Celebration of Hugh's Life on Friday, June 11, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., at Eastmont Baptist Church, also in East Wenatchee. The family requests that memorial contributions be sent to local FFA Chapters, in recognition of Hugh's life-long passion. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.