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Dad, Mr. Ted, Theodore, Grandpa Ted, El Patron. Ted had many different aliases, but they all led to one common denominator: he was a great and well-respected man.

Ted was born in Wenatchee to Orondo orchardists Dave and Harriett Davies on September 20, 1949, the oldest of the three Davies boys. Ted, Ned and Paul helped their father in the orchard as they were growing up and the fruit trees would continue to stalk Ted throughout his life.

Ted did manage to escape Orondo enough to graduate from Eastmont High School in 1967. According to him, he is the one Davies that did NOT excel at wrestling for the Wildcats. Later he graduated from Eastern Washington University, where he was in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program. Due to the times, Ted was lead into the U.S. Army, whom he was proud to serve. He was stationed in Oakland, CA as a Second Lieutenant and had an encounter that changed his life forever. He met First Lieutenant Dianne Bayer and their friendship blossomed into love. He was so smitten that he flew across the country to South Carolina to propose to recently re-stationed Dianne. Luckily, she said yes!

Ted and Dianne married in Lakewood, CA on February 15th, 1975. The Orondo Force is strong with the Davies, so Ted and Dianne made their home in his hometown and Ted worked in the orchard with his father. Ted discovered that he did indeed have a green thumb. The man could probably get a tree to grow on the moon if NASA would've given him a chance. He enjoyed his work and, in his free time, Ted would turn his large yard into a flower and vegetable paradise. Ted was indeed in his sweet spot when surrounded by vegetation.

However, challenges would face Ted in this new role as an orchardist. First, his wife (from the greater Los Angeles area) would feel homesickness being in such a small village. Then, in 1976, he found out that his new son, Zach, was born with a black thumb. It has been rumored that his son was even able to kill a plastic plant once. Ted was a problem solver, though. He would take his new bride on dates to the big city of Wenatchee. They joined a bowling league together and shared burgers at Dusty's. He also found out that his wife and son both liked sports, so he paired them up together and everyone was happy.

Gradually, over time, Ted expanded his interests and enjoyed fishing on the Columbia, playing poker with his buddies and running the family fruit stand in "downtown" Orondo. He also was on the Orondo Cemetery Board for 15 years.

Ted is survived by his mother, Harriett, of Wenatchee. His son, Zach, daughter-in-law, Tomoko and granddaughter, Mio live in a plant-less house in Wenatchee. Brothers Ned and Paul (Lois) still run the third-generation orchard and fruit stand in Orondo. Ted was very close to his cousins Dan (Marlene) Davies, Sandy (Dick) Stoddard, Bill (Kathy) Davies and Nancy Davies. Ted was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Dianne and his father, Dave.

Ted has been well-taken care of in his final year of life! Shouts go out to staffs at Blossom Valley Assisted Living, Regency Wenatchee and the Transitional Care Unit at Central Washington Hospital. Also, Dr. Brandon Child assisted Ted repeatedly with wonderful care and a positive attitude. You guys made a great difference in Ted's life and helped him to keep his dignity in his final days!

A Celebration of Life is planned for Ted on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at Chapel of the Valley; 302 9th Street, Wenatchee. Those that attend are encouraged to wear their farming attire (it is an informal affair). Ever the community-minded guy, Ted desired that in lieu of flowers, donations made to Orondo Community Scholarships or Douglas County Fire District #4. Arrangements are by Chapel of the Valley, Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ted was always such a kind and giving man. We enjoyed the times we shared visiting as neighbors.* ”

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