



## Abram C. "Bud" deJong

January 29, 1930 - January 24, 2020

Abram "Bud" de Jong, a cowboy and a good friend to many, rode off into the sunset on January 24th, 2020 just a few days shy of his 90th birthday.

Bud was born in Ellensburg on January 29th, 1930. He spent most of his adult life in Leavenworth where he raised his family and worked for many years at the Peshastin Mill where he eventually retired from. Tired of shoveling all that snow in Leavenworth, Bud made his way to the Basin where he spent the remainder of his life.

From the time Bud was born he had a love for horses and the outdoors. He liked to hunt and spent a lot of time riding horses and team roping. He had a nice arena at each place he lived. He loved horses with good bloodlines and owned some really nice horses over the years. You could be certain that when you went to visit Bud the conversation would always turn to talking about horses.

The last five years of Bud's life was spent with a family from Soap Lake where he loved watching the kids ride, rope, and rodeo. He spent many hours in a car parked outside their arena where he got a front row seat to the action on summer evenings. Unable to ride himself he lived vicariously through all of them.

Bud is preceded in death by his brother John de Jong , his sister Jaquelene Cox, and a son Joel de Jong. He left behind his daughter Stephanie Heath of Alexander, North Dakota, his son Schull deJong of Wenatchee, WA two step daughters Rebecca Sweeney of Lynnwood, WA and Rachael Lundin of Wenatchee, WA and his rodeo family, The McMillans of Soap Lake.

A Memorial Team Roping to honor Bud's life is currently being planned for this spring.

Please express your thoughts and memories for the family @ [www.nicolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicolesfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, Washington

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to read of Bud's passing but glad he lived a long, happy life. I'll never forget those wonderful summer days, watching awestruck through the corral fence, as Bud trained beautiful, snotty horses at Scammie's ranch. With my two buddies Renee & Annie Jones, we felt so lucky to see Bud work his magic with great ponies such as Topper's Golden Orbit. He was a good friend and nice to us always. Bud was also an icon with his pea-green pickup truck and friendly wave on his way to & from Peshastin Lumber & Box. Sad to see him ride on but he certainly did leave great memories for so many horse lovers. Just a great guy & he will be missed - really glad that I had the pleasure of knowing him. My sympathy to all the family, Heather Boyce

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**Heather Boyce** - February 03, 2020 at 04:15 PM