



## Richard Raymond Hoyt

January 17, 1931 - January 2, 2017

Monday, January 2, 2017, after a visit from his son Ken, Richard Raymond Hoyt, of 221 Maringo Road, Ephrata, Washington and currently, The Coolidge House of Ephrata, waited to say good-bye to his daughter, Pam ~ racing in from Colorado ~ and left this world quietly to be reunited with his wife, Yvonne, and all those friends and family members, who had left before him but were waiting for him!

Born to Irene and Raymond Hoyt on January 17th, 1931 in Sedro-Woolley, Washington, Dick grew up the oldest of 4 children.

In the hills and mountains of the Northwest, our father learned to love the outdoors! He later became a Wildlife Agent for the State of Washington enjoying long drives, sometimes stopping to take photos, admiring the world the Lord had made.

Richard graduated from Sedro-Woolley High School in 1948 and after a year of trapping in the hills, enlisted in the Army. He served in Germany and Korea and was honorably discharged. Upon returning home, he married the love of his life, his Bride, Yvonne Marie Cossart-Rasmussen on June 22, 1952. Attending Grays Harbor College, the young couple had two children while living in Aberdeen. THEN, Dick moved his family across the state to attend "the greatest college known to man"...Washington State University! Another child, Ken, was born. While he attended school at the hallowed halls of WSU,

Dad worked delivering milk, living in a basement apartment, entertaining fellow college friends because mom and dad had the only black and white TV in the neighborhood! He enjoyed working out and showing off his finger-tip push-ups! He graduated with a degree in Biology and Zoology and did his internship for the Idaho Dept. of Game. He worked for the Washington State Department of Wildlife in Monroe and in 1962 settled in Ephrata. He retired from the WA. St. Game Dept. in 1984.

Richard had a passion for opportunities to participate in everything to serve his community. He loved Ephrata and the Columbia Basin. He enjoyed his job and all the peripheral benefits of being a game agent ~ which meant participating actively in the world of wildlife. He continued learning everything he could, sharing his knowledge and opinions with farmers, hunters, fishermen, other agents and to anyone else that would listen. It was truly a remarkable life for a man who was a quiet person by nature. But his enthusiasm for waking up each morning would not allow him to NOT be heard. He was a retired Game Warden, a Civil Service Member, a Public School and Private School Wildlife speaker, a visiting college teacher, a wholesale supplier of Owl Pellets, an antique bottle collector, an Ephrata United Methodist Church Member, a lifetime Ephrata Tiger, a Tiger football announcer, a Toastmaster, a Kiwanis member, a Cougar Club Member and WSU Alumni Scholarship Committee member, AND a Lifetime Guardian of "Flora and Fauna" in the Columbia Basin...including all kinds of snakes! And, he was our Dad!

Dick was unique in his life with his family, his job, his hobbies, his friendships and relationships, his interaction with youth and sports, his civil concerns, his relationships with his Creator, his love for animals and his enthusiasm for Nature. One passion did not overshadow the other. He was a passionate participant in life ~equally in task~ minute to minute, day to day, year to year with so much enjoyment, joy and humor!

Some of his famous quotes would be: "Don't worry about that little bird that fell out of the nest, kids. It's just some other animal's Big Mac." Or, "There is only one reason to attend the U of W and that is when WSU would not accept your application." Or, "There are no bad snakes, just dumb people." Or, "Your Mother is and always will be ~ the prettiest woman in the room!"

Richard R. Hoyt is preceded in death by his cherished wife of 61 years, Yvonne Marie Hoyt, his eldest son, Kevin Earl, his parents Ray "Doc" and Irene, and his brother Joe Hoyt.

He is survived by his sisters: Judy Allen (husband, Herb) of Hamilton, Montana and Margie Snell (husband, Russ) of Sedro-Woolley, Washington. Daughter Pam Hungenberg (husband, Paul) of Greeley, Colorado and Ken Hoyt (wife, Diana) of Chelan, Washington. By Grandchildren: Jared (Chelsey), Jason (Cassie), Jordan (Elaine), Kathy (Brett), Jessa (Whitnee), Chad (Lexi), Alex (Allie), Dawson (Christina). And Great Grandchildren: Carter, Hayden, Westin, Kambria, Jackson, William, Kinzley, Camdyn, Adriann, and three more great-grand babies by summer!

We will miss him as a Father, a friend, a colleague, a neighbor and a brother! We already miss his advice, his example, his work ethic, his stories, and his laugh!

May the Lord give him peace and a patch of wildlife ground to care for!

The "Celebration of Dick Hoyt's Life" will be March 11, 2017 at the Ephrata Methodist Church.

It will begin at 11:00 AM, with a luncheon immediately following the service. As a tribute to our Dad, please wear your WSU T-shirts!

If you would like to make a donation to your local Humane Society in Dick

Hoyt's name ~that would be a wonderful tribute, too! Thank you! God Bless you, too :)

# Cemetery Details

## Valley View Memorial Park

20174 Rd A N.E.  
Soap Lake, WA 98851  
(509) 754-4150  
[bea.white@nicolesfuneralhome.com](mailto:bea.white@nicolesfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM (PT)

United Methodist Church  
117 C Street NW  
Ephrata, WA 98823

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cassie Robertson lit a candle in memory of Richard Raymond Hoyt*



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**Cassie Robertson** - August 25, 2017 at 07:26 PM

JD

“ *Jan Davisson lit a candle in memory of Richard Raymond Hoyt*



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**Jan Davisson** - March 23, 2017 at 05:33 PM

JD

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Dick at the Wildlife office in Ephrata. He was a fun, caring person and full of surprises, like the time he caught 3 rattle snakes, brought them into the office, put them on the floor, trying to decide which one he wanted to keep to show the school children. Every morning he would "sing to the office" and sing he could. He is loved and missed by many but is with Von the love of his life.*

*Jan Davisson*

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**Jan Davisson** - March 23, 2017 at 05:32 PM

RP

“ Dick was my first supervisor when I hired on as a Wildlife Officer. I was very lucky to have such a caring person to welcome me and my family to the new job. He loved to share his love for wildlife with young students. He will be missed.

*Rick Peterson*

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**Rick Peterson** - March 10, 2017 at 06:55 PM

LK

“ Dick was so much fun and so full of life. He shared his love for Von and his family so openly. My sincere condolences to Pam and Ken and the families. Love and prayers, Lori Klebeck

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**Lori Klebeck** - March 09, 2017 at 06:22 PM

LK

“ Lori Klebeck lit a candle in memory of Richard Raymond Hoyt



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**Lori Klebeck** - March 09, 2017 at 06:15 PM

DS

“ We had many fun times with Dick and Von, who were married the same year as Roy and me, and Dan and Joanne. We celebrated one year at the Space Needle, and another seeing Fiddler on the Roof at a dinner theater. They were always so fun to be with - Dick had a wonderful sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I know that Dick and Von are now together, and their love shines down upon the family. Love and prayers, Dorothy Sjodin

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**Dorothy Sjodin** - March 09, 2017 at 06:13 PM

DS

“ Dorothy Sjodin lit a candle in memory of Richard Raymond Hoyt



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**Dorothy Sjodin** - March 09, 2017 at 05:59 PM

RR

“ I've known Dick my whole life....Such a kind and fun person. He worked closely with my Dad so I got to spend a lot of time with him. I always enjoyed his stories about the rattle snakes and owl pellets! I had the pleasure of working with Dick out at the WDFW back in the early 80's, he was always like my second dad. I remember when my dad passed away, Dick and Von came out to my parents house for the memorial and Dick motioned me over to kneel beside him and he said with tears in his eyes "it should have been me and not your dad". I told him "absoloutely not, you need to be around for many more years" and that was back in 2010. Hugs to you Pam and Ken, he will be missed so much but the memories will live on forever....

*Randie Ralston-Ponozzo and family*

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**Randie Ralston-Ponozzo** - March 08, 2017 at 07:15 PM

RR

“ Randie Ralston-Ponozzo lit a candle in memory of Richard Raymond Hoyt



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**Randie Ralston-Ponozzo** - March 08, 2017 at 07:07 PM

LL

“ *Pam, Ken and families:  
So many memories of your Dad and Mom, such nice people. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.... Saying goodbye is so hard. Hugs to you all. Linda Lowry Lambe*

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**Linda Lowry Lambe** - January 29, 2017 at 12:40 PM

DW

“ *I always enjoyed visiting with Dick when he'd come to talk to our students at Outdoor Education camp up at Lake Wenatchee. Besides knowing and caring so much about animals, his pictures were wonderful. And of course, the kids loved it when he took out the snakes. He was one of those people with a huge personality who affected so many lives. Our thoughts are with Ken and Diana, the boys and their families.*

*Dan and Jan White*

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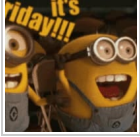
**Dan and Jan White** - January 26, 2017 at 11:17 AM

BP

“ *I didn't know Dick was a trapper. It figures though. When he visited our trapping camp as a game warden he always seemed more like a friend stopping by for coffee and to see how we were doing.*

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**Becky Peters** - January 24, 2017 at 03:55 PM



“ First of all, it took fifteen minutes just to get through the obituary for Dick, wiping the tears between the sentences. Knowing and going to school with his entire family, including the "Queen of the office" Von, one could just tell how great of a father and husband Dick was! I enjoyed daily life at EHS with all of them. Dick cared about everything and everyone. Whenever I had a question about hunting or fishing, I always called on him, because he had all the answers. I consider Dick Hoyt to be " A Human Cornerstone of Ephrata! " Losing both of my parents, and knowing what the kids are going through, my heart cries for them! They will be in my daily prayers and may God bless them with all the colors of the rainbow!🌈  
The David Gray Family

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**David Gray** - January 15, 2017 at 10:32 AM



“ I got the joys of taking care of him for a few years. He always had a smile for whoever he greeted. he had a passion for animals and loved seeing kids and telling them his wildlife stories. he will be truly missed by me. chariti wright



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**Chariti Wright** - January 12, 2017 at 12:19 PM



“ I will most certainly miss my "birthday buddy"! but we are happy he can now be with his beautiful wife Von! Dick was always such a happy person that we enjoyed visiting with so much during the coffee hour after church services. We enjoyed his animal stories and his enthusiasm for his favorite Cougars! He will surely be missed! Pam and Ken, you are being kept in our prayers! Marna and Scott Kellams

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**Marna & Scott Kellams** - January 10, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ *Michelle Dietrich Brown lit a candle in memory of Richard Raymond Hoyt*



Michelle Dietrich Brown - January 09, 2017 at 11:59 PM



“ *Such a loving man. I will always remember him as the snake man. Rest in peace*

Michelle Dietrich Brown - January 09, 2017 at 11:59 PM



“ *Dick was a fun loving, thoughtful man who will be missed. A lot of school kids were blessed with his coming to the schools with little critters that he taught them about while he was with the Game Dept. Rest in Peace Dick*

Rosey Grubb - January 09, 2017 at 08:07 PM



“ *Dick was a fun man with an engaging smile. I will miss him.*

Becky Klein Long - January 04, 2017 at 01:48 PM