



Tom Witte

May 16, 1944 - February 27, 2020

Tom Witte , 75, of Ephrata, Washington, passed away peacefully with his wife of 31 years by his side on Thursday, February 27, 2020 at Columbia Basin Hospital in Ephrata.

Tom was born May 16, 1944 in Shelby, Montana. He was the 2nd of twelve children born to Victor and Agnes (Koller) Witte. The family moved to North Dakota for a time and then to Ephrata when Tom was fourteen. They farmed near Winchester for many years.

Upon graduating from Ephrata High School Tom moved to the Oakland, California area and operated his own motorcycle repair shop. He returned to the farm to assist his parents and become a self-employed farmer raising alfalfa. In 1989 he added dairy farming until 2002.

Tom suffered a traumatic brain injury in 2006. He was cared for by his wife in the home until 2015. Tom was moved to Columbia Basin Hospital for therapy and care until his death.

The family would like to say thank-you to Dr. Brzezny and the entire staff of Columbia Basin Hospital for the excellent care Tom received at his "2nd Home". All of you made a hard time seem much easier.

Tom is survived by his wife, Terri; 2 sons of whom he was very proud of, Bryan

of Diamond Lake, WA and Sean of Ephrata; his brothers, Warren (Ara) Wenatchee; Robert, Soap Lake; Rock (Cindy) and Mike (Rita) of Ephrata; Sisters, Patricia (Dennis) Murray, Saddatna; Carmen of Bellingham, WA. Tom was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Dan & Carver; sisters Nancy, Alice, And Cora.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday March 5 2020 at 1:00 pm at St Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 323 D ST SW, Ephrata.

Memorials may be sent to The Columbia Basin Hospital Foundation at 200 Nat Washington Way, Ephrata, WA 98823 or St Rose of Lima Catholic School at 520 Nat Washington Way, Ephrata, WA 98823. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata.

Cemetery Details

Ephrata Catholic Cemetery

333 E St. SW
Ephrata, WA 98823

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

MAR 5. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (PT)

St. Rose of Lima
323 D St. SW
Ephrata, WA 98823

Tribute Wall

KB

“ Tom was one of the good guys. I wouldn't be where I am today without Intro to Electronics with Tom. May his memory be a blessing.

KB

KB - July 20, 2021 at 04:01 PM

RF

“ So very sorry .. I knew Tom many years ago and always thought he was the kindest, gentlest man and so very intelligent. I saw that he had passed scrolling thru news .. I always appreciated his calm approach when all around him chaos reigned at times . My blessings , Rhonda Froode

Rhonda Froode - April 14, 2020 at 01:33 AM

RM

“ Tom was like a lifelong brother to me. His life taught so many things about adventure, compassion, family, strength. I will always remember you Tom... Both for the good days and the not so good days.

Terri thanks so much for keeping me up to date on Tom's health and well being for all those years after the accident. Condolences to you and your two wonderful sons. Maybe I can join you some day for a visit together. Meanwhile I will try to share any history I find about Tom's earlier times and adventures. I remember one of the last times we all visited together in the hospital. When we shared stories of family outings we had each had. Clearly the years you had together as a family were some of Tom's best. He loved you all more than anything.

To Tom's surviving brothers and sisters ... my condolences and I will say a mass here in Chacala. I have a lifetime of memories with our family.

I am glad that God mercifully took Tom home.

Rielle Markey - March 12, 2020 at 08:21 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Condolences to the family.

David and Karen Hand

Karen Hand - March 04, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ *Karen Hand lit a candle in memory of Tom Witte*



Karen Hand - March 04, 2020 at 01:30 PM