



## William Joel Zimbelman

February 2, 1953 - November 15, 2018

Bill, Billy, Papa, Daddy, Uncle Bill aka William Joel Zimbelman was born February 2, 1953 in Marlin Washington to Donald Zimbelman and Gloria Starkel. Surrounded by love ones, he moved on to be reunited with Sue, November 15, 2018.

The majority of his early life was spent in the area surrounding Odessa. He later moved to the Soap Lake/Ephrata area where he met and married the love of his life Sue and settled down to raise his family.

In his professional life Bill was an iron worker retiring after 30 years of service. It is here where he met some of his dearest lifelong friends. His passion was the cowboy life and his grandkids. He was as tough as nails but could easily be turned to mush by the simple phrase "Papa". Papa was either buying them ponies, taking them to playdays and fishing or playing backyard baseball with his grandkids (cheating often). Bill was a man of few words but when he spoke people listened, except, of course, Sue.

His hobbies included fishing, building things, making sausage with family and friends, raising and riding horses, riding bulls, bulldogging, roping, dancing in the kitchen with his wife, daughters and grandkids, watching old western movies, playing poker with his family (cheating here also), intimidating his girls' boyfriends, and refusing to drive anything but Fords.

His family was his whole world and we will miss him dearly. But, knowing he is dancing with mom to the Orange Blossom Special comforts us.

Bill is proceeded in death by his wife Sue, dad Donnie and brother George.

Bill is survived by his mother Gloria, sisters Jodi and Janie, brother Keith, daughters Shannon and Stephen Dyer, Shonna and Ernie Allen, Brandi and Aaron Wagner, Mariah Blackburn, son Paul and Nastasha Bennett, and grandchildren Kelly, Dj, Mia, Harlee, Joseph, William, Trenton, Nathan, Natalie, Michael, Peyton, Wyatt, Shelby, Ryan, Cullen, and Emilia and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Memorial services will be held November 21, 2018 at 11 AM at the Ephrata Cemetery. A celebration of Bill's life for family and friends will follow.

# Previous Events

## Graveside

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Ephrata City Cemetery  
333 E St. S.W.  
Ephrata, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of William Joel Zimbelman*



**Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park** - November 20, 2018 at 03:29 PM

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“ *I liked Bill. Went hunting with him a couple times. He had a quick witt. Got up early, headed out on horseback barely light, happen onto two other hunters on horseback. Of course we all stopped for bs. Since I was mostly along for the horse ride was packing a Win 30-30. Only rifle that would fit my scabbard. So finally this one fella says, that 30-30s a little light for elk, doncha think? I told him it was no problem, I had just won the Oregon state offhand championship and that I planned to shoot my elk in the eye. That got some strange looks. So after a bit we say our farewells and Bill adds, "if you guys see an elk running around holding one eye, that'll be Joe's elk".*

**joe** - April 09, 2019 at 11:52 AM