



Dean Anthony Yankee

June 29, 1956 - December 23, 2017

DEAN A. YANKEE June 29, 1956 ~ December 23, 2017 Dean Anthony Yankee passed away at his home in Battle Ground, WA on December 23, 2017 at the age of 61. He was born on June 29, 1956 to his parents Marion and Jeanne Yankee. Dean spent his entire life in the Dollar's Corner area of Battle Ground and graduated from Battle Ground High School. He continued his education, graduating from Clark College, Washington State University in Pullman, and the University of Portland. He earned two Associates Degrees, two Bachelor Degrees, and Master's Degree. His educational focus was Criminal Justice and Sociology. At an early age, Dean's father taught him how to farm hay. During the summer, Dean was out producing around 800 tons of hay, finally retiring from haying in 2007. He worked for the Clark County Sheriff's Office as a Custody Officer for several years but eventually his passion for farming brought him back to the hay fields. He shifted all of his focus on farming, expanding his business, and investing in property and taverns. Dean also started Yankee's Custom Barn Sales. Dean belonged and supported many organizations including the WSU Alumni Association, the WSU Cougar Athletic Fund, the Elks, the Moose, the Grange, the ASPCA, and the Oregon Humane Society. He loved the Oregon Human Society because they are a no-kill shelter, and that is where he found his best friend Bear. Dean most enjoyed traveling to Westport, WA, the Oregon Coast, cruising, and several trips to Cabo San Lucas with his wife, Linda, and in-laws, Mark and Lodia Davis. Dean had a love for animals and everywhere he

traveled, he made sure he made donations to provide food and care for animals. Over the years, Dean and Linda provided a home for several animals. The Yankee house was a known 'drop off' for cats. Dean's generosity toward animals was endless. He has made a significant donation to the Oregon Humane Society, and most recently he purchased ballistic vests for all of the K-9's of the Clark County Sheriff's Office. He also enjoyed rooting for his WSU Cougars and the Seattle Seahawks. Dean is survived by his wife, Linda; his sister, Virginia; several nieces and nephews; his special friend and care taker, Kenneth Steinbach; his dog, Barney; along with his cats, Uncle Fester, Wolfy and Clifford. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marion and Jeanne; his brother, Dennis; and his dog, Bear. Memorial services are set at Layne's Funeral Home, 16 SE Clark Ave., Battle Ground, WA 98604 on Fri., Jan. 26th, 2018 at 11 a.m., followed by a Celebration of Life. A private interment will be held the following morning at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Donations may be made in Dean's name to; Oregon Humane Society, 1067 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97211. Please sign his guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

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“ Dean was a good guy. He cracked me up with some of his stories. Life is fleeting... and busy. We get caught up in the 'busy-ness' of it, and forget to touch base with people as often as we would like to. I talked to Dean last summer, but didn't catch up with again after that. Thank you Dean. I hope that you have found your happiness again.

Tracie DeMars - February 13, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ sorry too hear about this he was a friend and co-worker at CCSO. R I P Dean.

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