



Melvin Douglas Brizendine Sr.

October 19, 1940 - February 12, 2014

Mel had a great sense of humor. Not only do I miss him terribly but also by everyone whose life he knew and touched. He is the love of my life ~ Mel was born in Yakima on 10/19/1940 to Frank and Leona Brizendine. The Family moved to Richland where Mel continued grade school, Junior High and Senior High. He graduated in 1960 from Richland High School (The Bombers). On February 14, 1961 he met his wife, Rita, (blind date). They were engaged in April and married on November 18, 1961. Mel attended Columbia Basin Junior College in Pasco as a full time student while also working swing shift full time at Hanford. During this time, their son Doug was born in Richland. Mel received his associates Degree in Technical Illustration and accepted a position at Boeing in Renton as an Illustrator. Their daughter, Denise was born in Bellevue and shortly after the family moved to Renton. In 1969 the family moved to Vancouver where Mel had accepted a job in Portland as an illustrator of a parts catalog and that's where the fun began During Doug and Denise's school years he was very involved in their sports especially, Quarter Midget Racing and dirt bike riding where we all meet very, very dear friends (The Speckles). Oh did we have fun. So many great memories that will always be remembered. Then the arrival of his two grandsons, Justin and Jesse Wyatt his pride and joys. Poppa loved taking them camping, to the races, teaching them how to work on cars and especially, helping them get ready for their High School Prom. He was always so proud of his grandsons. His great grandson, Camden Wyatt arrived on 03/09/2013 and he was a very proud

great-poppa. Mel is truly one of a kind and will be missed by everyone whose life he knew and touched. A Celebration of Life will be held on March 15, 2014 from 12-3 at Mel and Rita's Place 3905 NW Grant Street Vancouver, WA 98660

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 07:41 PM

RJ

“ Thank you for your humor, it will not be forgotten! :) Love You

Rosie Belcher,Frontier & Julie - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ We will remember Melvin's jolly and positive personality. He touched many lives, including ours, in a wonderful way. We will miss him. Our love and prayers are with Rita and family.

Greg & Andi Brizendine - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ We love you, Fool Family

MaryLynn, Thomas, Josie Fool - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ We have such fond memories of Mel! He made the basketball games so entertaining! Our sympathies to you and your family, Cynthia, David, Lydia, Brian, & Nathan

David & Cynthia Tang - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Thanks for the laughter and kindness. The good times were the best.

kathy - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Rita, Doug, and Denise- Please accept my deepest sympathy for your great loss. I have many fond memories of uncle Mel and will cherish them. May all of your wonderful memories sustain you until you see him again. Much love to you all.

Lynnette Brizendine - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ Our prayers and thoughts and our love go to you. Mel's laughter will always be remembered and his light will shine on.

Bruce & Marilyn O'Neill - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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RD

“ My heart, love and prayers are with you all. Mel rest in peace!

Ramona Dexter - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Love and miss you already Mel... Gone but never forgotten. See ya later never a goodbye...

Jackie, Chris, Bob - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Hon, Remembering the good times we had with the kids riding motorcycles on Saturday with friends and quarter midget racing on Sunday plus going to their sporting events, showing them how to change oil in their cars and maintaining them. Taking our 2 grandsons camping and attending their sporting events and always being there for them. You were so happy when our great grandson arrived and were looking forward to having great times with him. You were always proud of the accomplishments of our children and grandchildren. You will be missed by all who knew you and especially by your family. You were a wonderful Husband, Dad, Poppa & Great Poppa. You were the love of my life, I love you and miss you. Rita

Rita Brizendine - March 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Mel - We love you now and we love you for always. We miss you!!

Bev & Leonard - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I will miss him greatly. My deceased husband, James Donald Magers and I, enjoyed camping with Mel and Rita. We had lots of fun laughing and teasing together.

Barbara A. Magers - February 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KY

“ Rita and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. Love you

Ken & Bernadine Yates - February 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Rita, Denice & Doug, We are very sad to hear of Mel's passing. I will always remember his sence of humer. He could tell you a serious story and you would beleive every word, even though he was just telling you a joke! He got me every time! Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. "We will miss you Mel" Love Steven & Patrice

Steven & Patrice Lahtinen - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ We will truly miss Mel. His sense of humor and love of family is an inspiration to all. Love you Mel...we'll see you again. Rita, Doug, Denise and family we pray for the wonderful memories to give you peace.

Don and Marci Duncan - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Rita, sorry to hear about Mel's passing, but we have to remember we are all hear for a short time; sorry we will not be able to attend as JoAnn is in a care center now. Will always remember your presence at our 25th anniversary, love you all; Leo and JoAnn

Leo & JoAnn Ripplinger - February 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

M&

“*mellie, that's what Dave called you. You are with your best friend and talking cars and riding motorcycles together. I will miss you a lot and I remember all the good times we had. Like the time you could not get your motorcycle running and Dave pulled you and you dumped and broke your tooth or the time you could not get the trailer loaded and Dave laid in the back of the pickup laughing so hard the springs were squeaking or the hard work you and Doug done digging out the oil barrel with Dave and Johnnie of the frozen ground. Our thoughts and love to you my friend.*

myrna speck & johnnie - February 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“*When someone you love becomes a memory - The memory becomes a treasure. We will always cherish the memories of our times together.*

John & Naomi Lynch - February 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DE

“*Dad, I will never forget when I was a little girl all snuggled with you watching those late night Sinister Cinema scary movies that we both loved after Mom went to bed cause she couldnt stand them. You taught me how to ride a motorcycle out in the middle of now where, nothing in sight but the car and sure enough, I hit the car. I remember driving that green ford king cab truck and it was parked in the driveway with the other car behind it, but did I watch as backing out no, not me I backed right into it. No wonder they called me CRASH in quarter midget racing. I remember you walking me down the Aisle and giving me away. You were always there for me and the boys during our tough times, never judging anything. I thank you for being a great father to not only me, but to my sons as well. I will never forget the great times we had and cherish you forever! Love, your most Wonderfulest Daughter ~*

Denise - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM