



Robert Harold Rayburn

August 25, 1938 - July 12, 2014

ROBERT "BOB" HAROLD RAYBURN August 25, 1938 ~ July 12, 2014 Born: The Dalles, Oregon on August 25, 1938 to Harold and Bertha (Tobin) Rayburn. His family moved to Vancouver, WA when he was eight years old. Bob graduated from Fort Vancouver High School in 1956, participating in various sports such as swimming, track, wrestling, and football. Bob's first job out of high school was with the SP&S Railway. His family had many members working for the railroad. He worked for the railroad for 10 years, before deciding to change his profession. In 1966, he started working for the Clark County Sheriff's Office and after 30 years retired. During that time he received an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Clark College, a Bachelor's of Science Degree, a Master of Education Degree from the University of Portland, an Associate Degree from the University of Virginia, and was honored to be accepted and graduate from the National FBI Academy. Upon retiring, he spent the last 20 years in his favorite spot, at his cabin on Marble Mountain east of Cougar, WA. He thoroughly enjoyed the solace, the animals large and small, and the new friends he made there. He is survived by his wife Loretta of 55 years, they have been together since high school; his daughter, Kim (Jim) Bartkowski; and his two sons, Tony (Jodi) Rayburn and Eric (Sheri) Rayburn. He is also survived by his sister, Loretta (Jack) Roark; and an older brother, Howard. He had nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. I cannot end this story about Bob without saying how much he enjoyed his family's sporting events, he was always encouraging. OH! and was a

University of Washington Husky supporter and had been since the 1950's. Please sign Bob's Guest Book at www.columbian.com/obits.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:21 PM

LW

“ In 1975 I was a young girl starting my dream job at the age of 19. I remember that Sgt. Bob scared the crap out of me, as he would show up out of no where and say "don't you ever work?" with his stern face and quiet voice. As the years went by though, I realized that I had to watch his eyes. He loved to throw people off with his serious dry comments, but his eyes would twinkle and give him away. I gained a lot of respect for Sgt. Bob and I believe that I earned his too. Loretta and family, my heart goes out to you and I hope that fun memories and happy times help you through this time of grief. Lin

Lin Whitney - July 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ I remember when Bob was my first Sgt., as a new young deputy and how he scared me to death when I walked into his squad room and he barked, "who are you and why are you here?" Our relationship grew and I learned so much from Bob. I loved playing softball with Bob and during those times you grew to know just how loving and generous Bob was. I was honored, when Bob retired, with being the new young Sgt. that had the honor to try and fill his vacancy. Bob and Loretta will always be remembered for the great people they are. Lorna and I will keep Loretta, the family and all Bob's friends in our prayers. We love and miss you Bob!!!!

Chuck Atkins - July 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

Been 11 years since you passed. Edward misses his buddy and I miss one of the dearest friends we ever had. When we received the call, it was a shock to our hearts. The memories we shared will live on forever. The 8 handed pinochle games, the buddy hats for all the buddies,, the Marble Mountain work crew and the morning coffee and visits with you and Loretta.

You both and your kids became part of our extended family. I know you are keeping the riff raff at bay in Heaven, sharing stories with your sweet daughter, Kim and waiting

for the day the love of 55 years to join you. You would be so proud of Eric. He watches over his mother and takes care of the cabin as you taught him. He is such a great kid. We hold him in the highest regard. Your love, Loretta, yearns for you and misses you deeply. She does her best to keep going strong. She has a big heart and has helped us like no other. We can't thank you enough for being our friend. Love, Darla and Edward.

Darla Colbert - September 01, 2025 at 10:55 AM

ST

“ *Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Sandy Tobin - July 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Sorry to hear Uncle Bob passed away. I loved his sense of humor was very dry but funny. He was a caring man and we will miss him. Love to you Aunt Lorretta.*

Kathy Roark - July 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *WE ARE SO VERY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT BOB. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU LORETTA & YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY. BLESSINGS, TOOTS (TOBIN) ROY*

JERRY & TOOTS (TOBIN) ROY - July 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM