



William Stacey Ruth

October 6, 1962 - February 19, 2016

William Stacey Ruth was born to William B. and Ladell Ruth on October 06, 1962 in Madera, California and passed away as a result of an accident on February 19, 2016 while driving home from work. He grew up in Fresno California where he developed a love for riding motorcycles at a very young age. He enjoyed being in the ROTC program, football and tennis as a high school teen. He received awards and recognition from President Ronald Reagan for placing 2nd in the nation in a national marksmanship competition. He began working in construction and did so for 12 years. He met his wife, Vicki on a group camping trip in California where he always maintained that he was a content bachelor and was completely “blindsighted”. They were married in Durant, Oklahoma and shortly thereafter began his 20 year career with Lowe’s Home Center’s starting at the Sherman Texas store. He was relocated to Charleston, South Carolina where he worked out of the corporate office as a traveling area inventory manager which he did for 9 years. During that time he was relocated back to Tulsa where more inventory managers were needed. When that position concluded he went back into management at the Tulsa Hills Lowe’s location where he was currently employed. William loved his family! He was happiest when he could load everybody up and go camping and fishing. He also enjoyed and found contentment working on the small family cattle ranch in southeastern Oklahoma. He jokingly said he felt like he must have been a cowboy in a previous life and he would sometimes refer to his beloved Harley as his ‘metal horse”. He was so proud of his 3 sons and his daughter. While attending the 3rd graduation ceremony of his last son becoming a marine, the Marine Corp Commander shook his hand and thanked him for the service of his son at which time William replied, “thank you sir but you now have 3 of my sons but you won’t be getting my daughter!” William always lit up like a christmas tree when he could see his 3 grandchildren. He was truly a happy grandpa. He loved his mother deeply! He missed not getting to see his siblings as often as he would have liked to but as he said, “my love is always there for them”. Some of William’s favorite things other than his family (and his Harley) were mexican food, homemade ice cream, John Wayne, westerns and sci-fi movies, ‘Oakland Raiders, Jimmie Johnson, helping others, his, truck, his lazy boy chair in the man cave, controlling the remote —and Maureen O’Hara. At the time of William’s passing he was wearing three dog tags — his father’s

dog tag from his service in the US Army, one that says "Lifeguard – mine walks on water", and the third, "iN GOD I TRUST." William is survived by his wife, Vicki, his sons Jared Ruth, twin sons, Tyler Ruth, and Tevis Ruth, daughter Kathryn "Katie" Ruth, His beloved mother, Ladell Ruth of Austin, Texas, his siblings, William Douglas Ruth of Chowchilla, CA., Jeremy Ruth of Austin, Texas, LaDonna Elkins of Porterville, CA., Dottie Moltrum of Modesto, CA.and, Retta Taylor of Atwater, CA., his grandchildren, Kylee, Andrew, and Tristan, numerous nieces and nephews, cousins and dear friends and co-workers. He is preceded in death by his father, William B. Ruth 1991, Funeral Services will be 12:30 p.m. Monday, February 29, 2016, Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. Visitation will be 10:00 am to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, February 28, 2016, Floral Haven Funeral Home, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

Comments



“ Don't know if you will see this Vicki or the children. This is Robert Brown, you neighbor from Summerville. Nina was trying to find you all on social media. In the process, she found a news article from 20 Feb 2016 stating that a William Ruth had been killed in an accident. After some more research, we found this obituary. We are so very sad for your loss. We love you and your family so very much. You were such good friends to us in SC. We regret that we lost touch with y'all. We have spoken often of you and cherish the memories of our time as neighbors, such as the time our power went out but yours did not and we spent the night in your living room because our home was so cold. Just the other day we were looking at photos of the kids when they befriended the little squirrel and kept it for few days. William was such a good man, such a good example of what a husband and father ought to be. I so admired him. I still have the tool set he gave me and use it often, always remembering him in the process. If you do somehow see this, we would love to talk. Here are our phone numbers. With much love! Robert 801-499-1201 Nina 801-885-1879

Robert Brown - September 21, 2018 at 03:59 PM



“ My memories of William (Billy) Ruth are as a youngster and teen. He was friends with my son and nephew. We loved him!

Pat Gillispie - March 03, 2016 at 10:24 PM



“ I'll always remember making you frustrated at me for checking my truck off at Lowe's for a year but somehow you always made me laugh and I made you laugh, even when you didn't want too. I'll definitely have a drink for you and when I do, it will be in your memory, it was nice to know you for 17 months. May you always rest in peace. You will be missed.

Misty Teague - March 01, 2016 at 04:21 PM



“ I had known William for a short time when I started at Lowes but quickly became friends with him. When starting a new job you are always lost and hate to ask for help at times. William was that kind of guy who didn't seem to mind when you asked him something. Always helpful I will always remember that about him.

Jim Barrett - February 29, 2016 at 03:11 PM



“ Lit a candle in memory of William Stacey Ruth

Moran - February 29, 2016 at 12:52 PM



“ Hey was a one of a kind man with a wonderful personality and could have fun but also knew when to get work done. He was the one that trained me to prepare for me to move up into management and for that I'm always grateful. This world lost a great man but hopefully his legacy goes on inspiring us for decades to come-Josh Cherveney

Josh Cherveney - February 28, 2016 at 09:51 PM



“ William was a great guy. He always had a kind word or greeting at Lowes. I feeled blessed to have worked with him. He will be missed by many.

Duane Sexton - February 28, 2016 at 04:14 PM