



Ronald "Ron" Davis

March 31, 1938 - July 19, 2018

Retired Air Force Colonel Ronald R. Davis, aged 80, passed away at his Tumalo ranch on Thursday, July 19, 2018 surrounded by his family after a fearless fight with cancer. Ron was born March 31, 1938 in Spokane WA to Esther and Jack Davis. Ron was the middle of three children. Growing up in Hardin, Montana with his sisters his passion for the outdoors and the rodeo life flourished as a member of the rodeo team and as a bareback rider. Ron graduated from Montana State University with a Bachelors degree in Agriculture. After graduation, Ron briefly moved to Bend, OR to serve as a Range and Wildlife Conservationist for the Deschutes National Forest before joining the United States Air Force in 1960. He then spent the next 21 years serving in the Air Force as a highly decorated and well respected fighter pilot, flight instructor and Commander. His Air Force career included 300 combat missions in Vietnam, operational and command assignments across the US, Asia, and Europe as well as an assignment to the US Embassy in Tehran during the Iranian Revolution. Ron retired in the rank of Colonel after earning numerous awards including 15 Air Medals, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and Top Gun. After leaving the service, Ron managed an aircraft services operation in Saudi Arabia for 5 years before returning to Bend in 1986. Ron then bought a 20 acre ranch in Tumalo where he raised and showed Quarter Horses and settled into a successful Real Estate career. There, Ron discovered the world of Cutting Horse competitions and in true form of his entire life went on to excel in the sport winning an array of competitions

including the world championship in 2007 with his prized horse, RD Bud Light. Ron continued to compete and won his final first place Cutting award on his 80th birthday. Ron has been preceded in death by his mother, Esther Owens, and sister Charlene Collins. Ron is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Davis, sister, Susan Sedar, daughters, Laura Davis, Leslie Premus, Lisa Urbach, and Cari Hahn. Ron had 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Those who were fortunate enough to know him will remember his enduring integrity, superior work ethic and exemplary morals. He will be sorely missed by his family, friends and the community. Funeral services will be held at Deschutes Memorial Garden Thursday July 26 at 10 am. The family will then welcome friends to Ron and Liza's ranch to celebrate and honor Ron's life.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Obituary Wall*



Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 02:35 PM

FO

“ *Ronald "Ron" Davis*

Funeral Home Owner - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Thank you for your services*

Joe meyer - June 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *Ron and I were classmates in Flying School at Vance AFB in 1964. He was a sharp student and the top pilot in our class. His passing is a shock to many of us who knew him well. He will be missed*

Ken Normand - February 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *So sorry to hear this! Good times in Holland! Ron led quite a life, God watch over his family. Sending hugs and our best wishes to Liz and her family.*

Sandra & Roger Congleton - February 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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TN

“ I will always remember the first days in Ron's real estate career and your selfless dedication to his superior work ethic. My condolences Liz.

Tim Nielson - October 29, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Some say the world is best viewed from the back of a horse and some from high above the clouds. Uncle Ron hedged his bets and chose both. He always was a smart man!

Colette Collins - August 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Ron, your integrity and honor are what I shall remember the most. Thank you for always lending a helping hand and guidance to me when I sought you out! Rest in Peace good man!

Dave Feagans - July 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ We will miss you Ron.

Chuck & Nancy Berger - July 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Rest in Peace, Ron. Thank you for your contribution to the integrity of the real estate world.

Howard Friedman - July 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *An example of a Life well lived! We will miss you.*

Lance Madgwick - July 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ *May his memory be eternal*

William "Billy A" Anastopoulos - July 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ *A man worthy of respect, a Top Gun in the arena and in life. I will sure miss him. God bless!*

Kathy Oxford - July 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *So sorry to hear this. I knew Rom for many years in the cutting horse world. Always so good at what he did and such a respected horseman. A great loss.*

Sharon Freshour - July 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

YD

“ *I knew Ron for years in the Central Oregon real estate world. I am so sorry to hear of his passing.*

Yvonne Drury - July 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FR

“ *We'll miss you, Buddy.*

Fred Baldwin, Realtor - July 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM