

Ronald Roy McDougall

(April 3, 1949 - March 7, 2016)

Ronald McDougall was born on April 3, 1949 to Roy & Beulah (VanBrunt) McDougall in Tonasket. He grew up on McDougall Ranch in Oroville, helping out in the family apple orchard. Ron was a Boy Scout who played coronet in the band and sang in the choir. He graduated from Oroville High School in 1967. He was drafted by the Army in 1969, training at Fort Benning, GA and Fort Lewis, WA. He served honorably as an Infantry Sergeant in the Vietnam War, returning home to Oroville in 1971.

Ron married Yvonne Thorndike on May 15, 1976 and they were blessed with two children, Christle and Shane. Ron worked in the family orchard until 1991, when he became a Commodity Inspector for the WSDA. He was Employee of the Year in 2013, and then retired in 2014. Ron enjoyed coaching his kids' soccer teams, listening to jazz and rock & roll, hunting and exploring the High Country. He especially loved reading and fishing.

Ron fought a courageous battle with cancer, passing away at his home with his wife Yvonne by his side on March 7, 2016. He is survived by Yvonne, parents Roy and Beulah, sister Janis (Larry) Hines, brother Brian (Autumn) McDougall, daughter Christle (Aaron Longstretch), son Shane (Marisol Hernandez), Mother in Law Charleen Hills, in laws Linda Thorndike, Scott Thorndike, Darryl (Tammy) Thorndike and Sherryl (Wayne) Pretts, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews and cat Sylvester.

God welcomes Ron home along with his grandparents Ruth and James cDougall, Agnes and Ralph VanBrunt, Uncles Dan, Jack and David McDougall and Ralph VanBrunt, cousins Gail Vincent and Kristy VanBrunt, Fathers in Law Don Thorndike and Vern Hills, brother in law Jim Thorndike and nephew Travis Thorndike.

His service will be held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the United Methodist Church in Oroville. Ron will be fiercely missed by his family, friends, neighbors and coworkers. In lieu of flowers, please give to any local charity of your choice.

"If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there would be a shortage of fishing poles."

