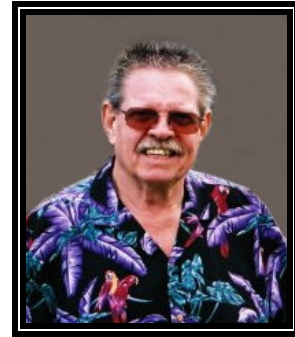


Obituary

Ron L Godfrey, 67



Ron L Godfrey, born December 21, 1942 in Dublin, Texas, to Alma Harms and Everett Godfrey. He passed away suddenly of a heart attack, in the loving care of Bingham Memorial Hospital ICU staff March 23, 2010.

His sister's, Dottie, Lois and Alice, and mother Alma raised Ron. He left high school to join the Navy and served from April 1961 to April 1965, where he earned his GED and became a weatherman. He married Sandra Jackson in 1964, they separated in 1975. To this union, his pride and joy, son Geoffrey was born.

Ron worked several jobs, car sales, retail sales, stockbroker, and repo work for a bank, but eventually found his passion, went to college at Central Washington State and graduated with a B.A. in Education and his teaching certificate. Ron's dream of teaching came true when he started his career at Kapowsin in Graham, Washington. He was a very active leader in the Teachers Union and was so proud of taking the Teachers Union to the table with the Washington School Board and coming to an excellent agreement helping to ensure teachers were justly compensated for the incredible service they provide.

He then married Diane Bundrock, a teacher friend, they later divorced in 1981. Ron took a break from teaching to go back to school to get his 5th year teaching certificate at Central Washington State College. He then married Nancy Altman, his current wife, in April of 1983. He took a job with Tandy Leather, which brought him and Nancy to Idaho. Ron got his first teaching job in Idaho at Mountain View Middle School. He enjoyed the children so much. He loved that he could see them learn and change right in class to become wonderful adults. Ron then began teaching at Blackfoot Sixth Grade School until he retired about 8 years ago.

Ron had several loves, one was his love for dogs, he was a first-rate dog obedience instructor, and taught obedience and 4H for over 10 years in Blackfoot. He was show chairman of several of the Blackfoot dog shows every June and an active member of the Eagle Rock Kennel Club of Idaho Falls. Another of Ron's loves was to act, he was in several plays with the Blackfoot Community Players, his favorite play was *Rumors*. Ron also loved water-skiing, fishing and playing outdoors. He had learned to fly fish in the last few years.

Ron is survived by his wife Nancy; son, Geoffrey of Bozeman Montana; sisters, Dottie Clark of Twin Falls and Lois Stone of Manassas, Virginia, and many cousins, nieces and nephews in Idaho, Texas, Arizona, and Hawaii. Ron is also survived by many loving friends.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, James Godfrey, Alice Scott and Gene Godfrey.

Ron leaves behind many people whose lives he touched and a sincere love for all his students - he was so proud of each and everyone them. We miss you Ron. We love you.

In lieu of flowers, Ron would appreciate a donation to Bingham County Humane Society or Road to Recovery in Blackfoot.

Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at Hawker Funeral Home, 132 South Shilling Avenue in Blackfoot. Family will meet with friends and relatives for one hour prior to services. Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@hawkerfuneralhome.com.