

Tony Humbach

Anthony (Tony) Michael Humbach Jr.

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JEROME - Anthony (Tony) Michael Humbach Jr. went to be with the Lord while resting at his home on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, from a short illness.

Tony was born in Wendell, Idaho, on July 11, 1943, as the oldest of four children. He attended Jerome schools and was active in 4-H, high school band and many outdoor activities. Tony graduated from Jerome High School in 1961. Following graduation, Tony attended the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho, where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Tony graduated in 1966 from the U of I with a bachelor's degree in agriculture.

Following college, Tony went to work for the Federal Housing Administration (FHA), where he had initially worked during the summers of his college years, and subsequently worked in Soda Springs, Gooding, Jerome and Twin Falls, Idaho. While continuing his career with the FHA, he eventually returned to Jerome and purchased the farm that he grew up on from his parents. Tony retired from the FHA in 1996 after 32 years of public service. Tony also performed custom farming work until 2006 and was active in farming his home place, located one mile north and one and one-half miles west of the city, until the time of his passing.

During the latter part of his life, Tony very much enjoyed helping his son, Michael, farm whenever his assistance and sense of humor were needed. In recent years, Tony would often take his miniature schnauzer in the tractor cab with him during long farming days.

Tony is survived by one son, Michael (Beverly) Humbach, along with their sons, Justin, Alec and Michael. Tony will be greatly missed by his longtime fiancée and caretaker, Nancy Hite; mother, Helen Humbach; brother, Ron (Joy) Humbach; and sisters, Nancy (Royce) Darling and Sharon Humbach; and numerous nieces and nephews with whom he was very close. Tony was preceded in death by his father, Anthony Michael Humbach Sr. in 2006.

Tony was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed boating, water skiing, white water rafting, fishing, hunting, golfing and riding four-wheelers. In his earlier years, he was a member of the Jerome County Mounted Sheriff's Posse and performed with that group on numerous occasions during rodeos and horse shows throughout the state. During the 1960s, he also served as a guide for rafters floating down the famous Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Tony always enjoyed getting together with old friends to play cards.

Tony is a past member of the Idaho National Guard and was a charter member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, where he was once Elk of the Year during his 44 years with the Snake River Elks Lodge No. 2807. Tony will always be remembered by family and friends as a big fellow with yet a bigger sense of humor, a booming voice that others mimicked, and most importantly, a heart of gold.

Donations in Tony's memory may be given to Elks Rehabilitation Hospital at 600 N. Robbins Road in Boise, ID 83702. Tony, his fiancée, Nancy Hite, and all family members are very

grateful for the kind and compassionate care that Tony received at Elks Rehabilitation Hospital and from St. Luke's Magic Valley Home Health and Hospice this past winter and spring.

A memorial Mass in Tony's honor will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 28, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome, followed by a luncheon for friends and family at the adjoining Parish Hall, located at 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome. Memorial services are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.