



## Robert William Hedges Jr.

June 16, 1966 - August 4, 2020

### Robert William Hedges Jr. Obituary

It is with great sadness that the family of Robert William Hedges, Jr., of Moses Lake, Washington announce his passing on August 4, 2020 at the age of 54.

Robert was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, nephew, and uncle who loved his family deeply. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert Hedges Sr. And Edith Prewitt. Robert is survived by his loving wife of 21 years Lupe Hedges; step-children Christina (Mark) Burker of Gig Harbor, WA, Andrea (Wade) Ritz of Honolulu, HI, Lupe (Justin) DeBeaumont of Okanogan, WA, and Michael Hedges of Moses Lake; siblings Suzan McCully of Fife, WA and Rhea Hedges of Vancouver, WA; uncles Hugh (Debbie) Prewitt of Tenino, WA, Jerry Phillips of Rock Island, WA, Terry (Kris) Phillips of East Wenatchee, WA; 8 grandchildren and numerous other family members.

Robert was born on June 16, 1966 to Robert William Hedges, Sr. and Edith Prewitt. He graduated from Eastmont High School in East Wenatchee, WA in 1984. In his early 20's Robert worked as a mechanic for his cousin Kim Wennerberg, a race car driver for Wenatchee Valley Raceway. This fueled his passion for both cars and racing. Robert loved rebuilding cars and enjoyed being the "go to" guy when anyone's car needed repair. He was proud of his

first car, a Ford Falcon, which he paid for on his own by picking cherries. In 1988, this passion drove him to pursue a long-lasting career as a store manager with Shucks and later O'Reilly Auto Parts where he was a steadfast leader and a mentor to his employees.

Robert's wonderful character and big heart was evident through his actions as a care-giver to his sister Suzan, grandma Ruby, and son Michael. In 1994, when Michael was only five years old, Robert adopted Michael and raised him as a single parent until he met the love of his life, Lupe, in 1996 . Robert and Lupe were married in Las Vegas, NV, in 1999 at the Chapel By The Courthouse. Together they built a life in Moses Lake, WA, with their beloved pugs, Max and Otis. They survived their beloved pugs Sassy and Buddy.

Robert truly lived his life to the fullest through the simple pleasures, such as spending time with his family and grandchildren, camping, traveling to Europe, Alaska, Hawaii and his latest hobby fishing. Robert loved to help organize yearly family camping trips with the most recent trip to Leavenworth, WA. Robert was the family chef, which he loved. He leaves behind memories of him standing behind a grill cooking amazing meals. His macaroni salad was always a family favorite and frequently requested. Robert had the biggest heart for his family and friends and he will truly be missed.

A funeral service will be held on Friday, August 14, 2020 at 12:00 p.m., Evergreen Memorial Park & Mausoleum, 1301 10th Street NE East Wenatchee, WA 98802. A Visitation will be held Thursday, August 13 3-7P.M. at Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home 302 9th St, Wenatchee, WA 98801. Due to social distancing, masks are required.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 13. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home  
302 9th Street  
Wenatchee, WA 98801  
(509) 662-1561  
dante@jonesjonesbetts.com

## Graveside Service

AUG 14. 12:00 PM (PT)

Evergreen Memorial Park  
1301 10th St NE  
East Wenatchee, WA 98802  
(509) 884-4651

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ Robert, It was an honor working with you for the 3 plus years I was your district manager. You challenged me in more ways than one. Your ideas of perfection made me a better person and leader. Your passion to be the best was never unchecked. IT was very nice to have a leader like you in a remote store that I did not have to worry about. May you rest in peace you, you will be greatly missed by me, and everyone at O'reilly Auto Parts.

*Jeff Lunsman*

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**Jeff Lunsman** - August 21, 2020 at 05:19 PM

CR

“ Rob, I have known you 40 years as we were next door neighbors for a short time and graduated from high school together. Thank you for all the memories I hold deep in my heart! Your heart is HUGE and your kindness...endless. You were always there for me when I needed someone to talk to. You will never know how much I appreciated it. Also, a big thanks to Facebook for bringing us back in touch! Commenting on each other's posts made it feel as if we never lost touch. I will miss you tremendously. Fly high my friend...until we meet again.

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**Cheryl Rasberry** - August 12, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ I remember the Ford Falcon in high school. He had put like a Pontiac 400 motor in it which was very big for the car. I'd say about 4"-6" of the fan blade stuck out of the hole in the hood he had cut so he could close the hood. In shop class he made an expanded metal cover to cover the fan for safety because a cop had pulled him over while cruising the ave. saying somebody could loose a hand while crossing the street in the cross walk. When he told me that it was one of the funniest things I'd ever heard. Rob put up with a lot for what he had built with that car but he got nothing but respect from me because it was something he built on his own, he was proud of it and he did not back down from the risk of building something different. Rest in peace Rob I'm sorry you left us early.  
Dan Gettman

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**Dan Gettman** - August 11, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ Robert you hired me with basic knowledge in auto parts you trained me to be everything I am today. Without your guidance and patience I wouldn't be where I am today in the position I hold you had complete confidence in me even on days I felt I was in over my head. I'm really missing all your help you weren't done teaching me, I still have so much to learn from you. You Touched so many peoples lives and will forever be missed by so many.



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**Melody Phelps** - August 11, 2020 at 03:00 PM

DL

Well what can I say. I remember when you were born. You was my first nephew,my parents first grandchild. It was a happy time. You were such a joy to my brother. He was so proud of you. Now you are with all of the family that went be for you. What a great reunion. Love you always Aunt Donna

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**Donna lampert** - August 11, 2020 at 11:07 PM

FL

“ Robert thank you for all the years you were my friend you believed in me you helped me become the person I am today. I am so grateful for you being a big part of my life and will continue to be. I will miss our talks about working on your truck and how your vacations were.

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**Frank L** - August 10, 2020 at 07:18 PM

RS

“ I hired Rob year ago as my assistant manager at Schuck's Auto . Want tell you the date because that would reveal our ages. He worked hard and had a quality about him that proved especially helpful when it came to helping customers. His calming action was great when it came to working with the employees. Rob proved himself and became a store manager. He has played the role of helping managers out of trouble and in the role of supervision and training. Overall, Rob has served Schuck's (O'Riley's) for a number of years and will be missed, especially by his x-manager, Roy Sharp.

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**Roy Sharp** - August 10, 2020 at 06:11 PM

JA

“ Robert you will be dearly missed. You took me under your wing, hired me, trained me at work and all at the same time we made a friendship that I will never forget. Your time came too soon, but you will remain with each of us that you touched our lives, In our hearts and memories.

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**Jared Avey** - August 10, 2020 at 05:53 PM

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**Jerry Phillips** - August 10, 2020 at 06:29 PM