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Walter "Dub" Simmons went home to be with the Lord suddenly February 5, 2012, at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee, WA. Dub was born on September 13, 1952, in Slaton, TX to Claude and Viola Simmons. There, he met and married his soul mate, Susan Simmons. They started their life together in Lubbock, TX, where he was employed at Lubbock Power and Light. Dub also served in the United States Army in Colorado Springs, CO. They had twins, Jason and Jennifer soon after. He was then employed by Colorado Springs Power and Light. From there, Dub moved his family to the Tri-Cities, where he worked for Hanford. After working at Hanford for three years, he took a position as a Control Room Operator at Chief Joseph Dam in Bridgeport, WA. From there, Dub found a permanent position at Wells Hydro Dam and worked there for 26 years.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Simmons; two children, Jason Simmons and Jenni Bishop and her husband, Nathan Bishop; two grandchildren, Brooke and Evan Simmons; lifelong friend, Allan

“Woody” Sanders; five brothers and one sister, who all reside in Slaton, TX; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Viola Simmons and father, Claude Simmons. Dub and Sue built their dream home along the Columbia River in 1985, in Pateros, WA. There, they shared a life full of fishing, golfing, riding motorcycles and ATV’s, flying airplanes and playing music. Dub will be remembered for his overwhelming passion for people. He could build you anything you wanted, especially if it was made of steel or wood. He had a passion for playing his guitars and writing music. Dub lived his life to the fullest without any regrets. Most importantly, Dub loved his family and friends. He had a quick wit, southern sarcasm and a huge Texas heart. There will be a Celebration of his Life later this April for close friends and family. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements by Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home, Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall

JB

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Jenni Bishop - February 21, 2012 at 04:36 PM



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Jenni Bishop - February 20, 2012 at 07:59 PM



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Jenni Bishop - February 20, 2012 at 07:49 PM



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Jenni Bishop - February 20, 2012 at 07:44 PM



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Jenni Bishop - February 20, 2012 at 07:42 PM

TK

“ To Dub's Loved Ones, I didn't know him well but his gentle, loving, humorous nature was reflected by everyone in his family. Please know that you all are in the thoughts and prayers of friends and we pray that the love of God surrounds you and embraces you with peace. Love, Taza Keene

Taza Keene - February 13, 2012 at 09:39 AM

NH

“ Sue, Jenni and Jason,

You are in my thoughts and prayers. I always remember Dub as one of those people who smiled and laughed with their whole being. Such a sharp sense of humor, great attitude, big heart.

Love,

Natalie (Smith) Houts

Natalie Houts - February 11, 2012 at 05:28 PM

RA

“ Jenni, Thank you for the email giving me the opportunity to leave a message about the special man you knew as your father. I am so grateful for the Simmons Reunion we attended, and the visit I had with your family. I will never forget Dub telling me, "You are my sister, and you'll always be my sister!" Ruben fell in love with the whole Simmons Clan that day. Susan, my heart goes out to you. I cannot imagine the heartbreak you feel, but I know you also remember how blessed you and Dub were to have each other. You raised two great kids, and shared a love that few experience. Jason & Jenni, I am mourning the loss of my own father, so I feel especially close to you now. My heart is with you. Your dad knew how to make others feel special and loved - I will miss him, too! How wonderful to know that we will see him again someday. God bless you with wonderful memories, and give you peace and comfort. Remember....we love you all!
Ruben and Kay Arvizu

Ruben & Kay Arvizu - February 11, 2012 at 02:56 PM

KR

“ I met Dub a few years ago at a EAP exercise that Douglas PUD was putting on and I instantly knew this would be a great person to spend time with. We were able to work together on joint projects between Chelan and Douglas PUD but we also enjoyed activities away from work. Golfing with Dub was always an adventure. He would hit some great shots and then maybe a few that weren't so great but his demeanor never changed. He always had a smile and a joke to tell to keep the situation positive. I brought the kids up to the house a couple of times to play music and even record a few songs. My son still cherishes the CD that Dub made for him and my daughter and niece still talk about the recording they made together. Sue allowing us to crash unannounced and feed us pizza will be memories that we will cherish forever. Having a cold beer with Dub was always worth the time to laugh and enjoy life that much more. I unfortunately got too busy with the wife and kids to even know Dub was in the hospital. The last time I spoke with him we were talking about spring golf tournaments and maybe even a "jam" session or two. I along with my family were extremely sorry to read about Dub and try to understand why these opportunities will no longer be available. We lost a dear friend and I am really going to miss him!

Kirby Reinhart and family

Kirby Reinhart - February 10, 2012 at 02:48 PM

ES

“ Precious Sue, Jenni, Nathan, Jason, Brooke and Evan. You are in our hearts and prayers. I remember Nathan and Jenni's wedding day and Dub was one happy man, and a joy to get to know..

Nathan's Grandma Emma Lou and Grandpa Ross

Emma Lou Bishop and Ross Sterling - February 08, 2012 at 11:19 PM

SB

“*Dub had a remarkable combination of creativity and practical knowledge. I think he could make about anything and would probably over engineer it but always added his unique style whether it was a snowplow blade or a mailbox you knew it would last. I appreciated his dry sense of humor and his easy southern drawl that sounded so much like my own Dad. I know he loved his family deeply and expressed it well in acts of service and I saw the pride he had in his kids. His kids like his projects are built to last. He loved Sue and I remember at Nathan and Jenni's wedding how he shared that they both came from a long line of love referring not only to his and Sues marriage but the generations before as well. Dub I consider you not only family but a friend. I will miss you Dub. See you later my friend!! Love, Steve Bishop*

Stephen Bishop - February 08, 2012 at 10:28 PM

MM

*Reading all the wonderful comments about Dub, warms my heart. I did not have the privilege of knowing him, but I taught the twins. And I have followed Jenni's career in education. Both Jason and Jenni were a joy to have in the classroom. This was 6th grade and they still showed genuine affection for each other and all the other students as well. I can see now by reading about their dad, why they had many interests, and had so many friends. They will carry on his jest for life and caring for others. I knew Sue also, only through school conferences, she is a great mom and now grandma to Jason's children. My prayers are with this family during this hard time.
Marlene Miller-Kaucher*

Marlene Miller-Kaucher - February 17, 2012 at 03:35 PM

LS

“*Dear Jenni and all the family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. It is so difficult to loose a father; I still think of my Dad almost daily and miss him so very much. May your memories of him ease your pain. Love, Louise Schmutzler*

Louise Schmutzler - February 08, 2012 at 09:09 PM