

Melvin Keith Davidson

Birth: 10/7/36

Death: 3/28/18

Melvin Keith Davidson "Mel" passed away peacefully at the age of 81 on March 28, 2018 surrounded by his family. In life as in death, he showed dignity and a fighting spirit.

Mel was born in Port Angeles, Washington on October 7, 1936 to James and Phoebe (Gaboury) Davidson. He was the youngest of four children, his oldest brother Raymond Davidson preceded him in death. Mel is survived by his sister Vivian (and Terry Russell) and brother Darold (Bonnie) Davidson. He is also survived by his wife Arleen Jasmer Davidson, his former wife, Billie Hoff Edwards, children Daniel (Mari) Davidson, Randi McDougall (Dave Goodwin), Kristen (Tim) Lusk, 10 grandchildren, 21+ great grandchildren as well as nieces and nephews.

Mel had a long family history in the Port Angeles and Sequim communities His paternal grandparents were some of the first families to settle in the Lost mountain area in Sequim.. His paternal Aunt Carrie is who Carrie Blake Park was named for. His paternal Uncle Abraham along with his partner invented the Abe and Al flasher fishing lures.

In the 50's and 60's in Port Angeles his father's parents owned and operated The Carlsberg Tavern, as well as other businesses in the Port Angeles area including Davidson Savings and Loan, Davidson Finance Company and Davidson Lanouye car sales co.

Mel attended Lincoln Grade School, Roosevelt Jr. High and was one of the first classes to graduate from the new Port Angeles High School in 1954. He was employed by Fiberboard Inc. and married Billie Hoff soon after graduating, they had three children together. He also worked at Sandison Bakery and Oroweat Bread Company, eventually working in construction. He later married Arleen and after retiring they bought a 40 acre farm in Tenino to raise horses and beef cattle. He loved working with the animals on the farm. He was an active member of the Thurston County Sheriff's Posse and The Back Country Horseman of Thurston County. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and the outdoors.

He was a quiet hard-working man of integrity, and kindness, Mel was a loving dad, brother, grandfather and uncle that enjoyed spending time with his family.

A Celebration of Life will be held on June 9 at 2 p.m., please call for location and directions. 360-461-9606