



Howard Huston Asmussen

June 14, 1934 - November 13, 2020

Howard Huston Asmussen, 86 years old, peacefully passed away November 13, 2020 at his home in Pateros, Washington, with family and friends by his side.

Howard was born June 14, 1934 at the family ranch in Mansfield, WA to Roy and Ida (Gallaher) Asmussen. He was the youngest of 4 children. He was a 12-year senior of Mansfield high school, graduating in 1952. Active in sports, he graduated with a full ride scholarship to Texas A&M to play football. As life often does, plans changed with the loss of his father and brother in a plane crash, the same year, and he took over the family ranch to build it to a successful multi-generational ranch.

On November 15, 1953 he married the love of his life Marilyn Lee Schneider, in Omak, Washington. They started their life at the family ranch in Mansfield, WA. They welcomed three children to their lives; Jeanette, Lana and Arnold. Over the years, Howard had many business ventures, from driving a truck to make ends meet to many successful ranches throughout the Pacific Northwest. One of his business ventures included building a Convivence Store and Restaurant with Marilyn and Arnold. Later a Hotel would be built that was the dream of his late son Arnold. In all his business enterprises, Howard was known as a man of his word.

Howard appreciated a hard day's work from himself and those around him. He was the first one up in the morning and the last to go to bed. You could find him first thing in the morning in his office conducting business. He would ride

or work cattle all day and then in the evenings he would attend meetings necessary to champion the cattle industry.

Howard was a respected and discerning cattleman, and he produced some of the finest quality Black Angus cattle in the West. He prided himself in his annual Bull Sale where people would come from all over to be entertained and purchase high quality breeding stock.

As much as Howard appreciated cattle, he had a love for horses that stemmed from a young age. As a child he would play with his ponies teaching them tricks and spending hours riding them up and down the hill behind the house. Howard and Marilyn both had a love for racehorses and they ran horses all over the northwest. Their horses were forces to be reckoned with from the county fair tracks in Ferry, Okanogan and Douglas counties, to larger tracks like Playfair, Yakima Meadows, The Interior British Columbia Circuit and Longacres.

Never one to let moss grow under his feet, Howard traveled all over the world. In the beginning it was to keep the business growing. In his later years he traveled for fun and leisure always in his own Howard style.

Howard is survived by Daughter Jeanette (Skip) Palmer of Pateros, Daughter in Law Judy Asmussen-Brown of Bridgeport, Grandsons, Ryan Palmer of Bellingham, Levi (Christy) Asmussen at the family ranch in Mansfield, J.J. (Terry) Palmer of Pateros. Granddaughters Dione (Brad) Asmussen of Brewster, Rashel Asmussen of Bellingham, Debby (Mike) Moore of Las Vegas, NV. Greatgrandchildren, Jackson, Taya, and Stetson Asmussen of Mansfield, Levi Zabreznik of Brewster, Edward Palmer of Bellingham and lifelong friends too numerous to count all over the world.

Howard is preceded in death by his parents Roy and Ida Asmussen; Brothers David and Arnold; Sister Genevieve Diksen, Daughter Lana Lee Arthurs, Son Arnold Howard Asmussen, grandson Matthew Roy Asmussen, His beloved Wife of 62 years Marilyn Asmussen, close friend Sharon Kelm and many good friends.

Funeral Services will be Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 1p.m. at the

Mansfield United Protestant Church in Mansfield, WA with Pastor Ric Bayless officiating. The services will be live-streamed on the church Facebook page and YouTube Channel for those that can't attend in person. Burial in Mansfield Cemetery to follow service. Visitation will be Friday, November 20, 2020 from 4pm - 8pm at Barnes Funeral home in Brewster, Washington.

HERE'S THE ADDRESS TO STREAM THE SERVICE.

<https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCqJBd7HtfHdj0WrJpndky4A>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Barnes Chapel
510 W. Indian Avenue
PO Box 306
Brewster, WA 98812
(509) 689-3494
mike@prechtrose.com

Service

NOV **21**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Mansfield United Protestant Church
130 Second Ave.
Mansfield, WA 98830

Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Howard Huston Asmussen*



Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel - November 16, 2020 at 06:02 PM

TD

Many smooth landings, Howard! Rest in peace.

Tom Davis - November 16, 2020 at 10:22 PM

PJ

LOVE these memories of Howard and Marilyn.....from 'way back'..... so many memories..... THANK YOU for this collection..... gone, but not forgotten..... Tom and Phyllis Jess REST IN PEACE, Howard.....till we meet again.....

phyllis jess - November 16, 2020 at 11:59 PM

LB

Howard, you've left an indelible mark on our lives. Your heartfelt laughter, humor, love of a hard day's work and so many wonderful gatherings of family and friends. A flood of emotions consume us to say goodbye. But goodbye it is until we meet again and by the way make sure that new plane you and Herman are flying has plenty of room for passengers! Rest easy, John and Linda

Linda Boggs - November 17, 2020 at 11:53 AM

SK

Rest in peace Cuz! You will be greatly missed!

Sheran Gallaher Krall - November 19, 2020 at 04:39 PM

DH

Rest In Peace dear Howard. You are missed and will always be remembered. xoxo

Darby Hammond - November 20, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ *Howard Huston Asmussen*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM

DD

“ *Oh, the memories, way too many to recall, but remember baby sitting you kids when you were little and your dad as always such good friend to all the neighbors. Deloris Cavadini Davis Bothell, Washington*

DelorisCavadini Davis - November 20, 2020 at 05:57 PM

JE

Me too. Thank you!

Jeanette - November 20, 2020 at 07:31 PM

DG

“ *A trivial but fond memory of Howard, is of him very thoughtfully giving me advice on how to sweep the floor. I was quite young and needed all the advice I could get. 💕💕*

Darlene Gavin - November 18, 2020 at 06:45 PM

CM

“ i just wanted to let you know how sad we are to lose our friend Howie. He was such a character. He came to our home (Jeff and Kate Mallett) with Rod Haeberle on occasions to enjoy a meal with us. He was so dang funny! I told him on one occasion I wanted to take a picture of him with Roddie and just when I took it he flipped Rod off! So funny!!!! we all laughed at that one. He loved our vegetables, especially our tomatoes. He once told me to quit my job and grow tomatoes for him! That went well until I told him I needed a 401k plan as well as insurance. Subject closed! May you find peace knowing he is with the love of his life again and his beloved friends and family that have gone before. He always called me Katie and it meant a lot to me...may God's peace be with you. The Mallett's

cathryn mallett - November 18, 2020 at 02:51 PM

VS

“ So long old partner, rest easy in the great beyond. Cousin Verle

Verle D Smith - November 18, 2020 at 12:02 PM

JM

“ One of my favorite memories of Howard was at the North Central Washington Fair one year. They were holding a pony-express race. Howard was in front of the grandstand holding onto the horse that would soon have a rider, ride up, jump off his horse, and take off on the horse Howard was trying to hold still. Howard was biting the horses ear and when I asked him about it later he said he was just trying to keep the horse's attention. Howard was one-of-a-kind and will be sorely missed. A good neighbor to my uncles in Mansfield. Best wishes to his family.
Jack McGrath

Jack McGrath - November 18, 2020 at 12:01 AM

JE

Thank you Jack!

Jeanette - November 20, 2020 at 07:33 PM

SA

“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. My condolences to the family and I wish you all comfort through these times.*

Sherry (Asmussen) Anderson

Sherry I Anderson - November 16, 2020 at 11:41 PM