



Walter Dale Gross

March 12, 1934 - April 1, 2015

Walter “Dale” Gross of Bridgeport passed away peacefully on April 1, 2015 at age of 81. Dale was born March 12, 1934 in White Salmon, WA to Walter A. Gross & Muriel I. Gross (Powell). Dale was raised in White Salmon, WA where he worked in the logging industry growing up. After High School he attended Central Washington University and the University of Washington graduating with a degree in Pharmacy in 1957.

Dale moved to Bridgeport, WA in 1962 and opened Gross Drug on July 1st. He operated the store serving the community for 52+ years as well as being active in multiple capacities including City Politics & Douglas County Sheriff’s Office and countless other activities / duties. Dale was a friend and mentor to many as well as a loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather.

He was a man of many talents that loved music, singing, and the outdoors. An avid sportsman who enjoyed the community he lived and served. He always took time for his customers and loved to meet their needs and listen to a personal story with a warming smile and his full attention. His passion for people, community, and outdoors has touched so many. This simple obituary cannot capture what he meant to the lives he has touched past, present, and future. His warm eyes and gentle smile is a light that will be missed by many. He is survived by much family. He married Bette Leone Ericson in March of 1955 and the couple have three daughters...Shan Miller and husband Allen Miller of Mansfield, WA. Wendy Rodriguez and husband Javier Rodriguez of

Bridgeport, WA. Kerrie Combs and husband Elijah Combs of Tonasket, WA. Dale later married Sheryl Leigh Ransom in November of 1971 and the couple has one daughter and two sons... Jill Stone-Harenberg and husband Scott Harenberg of Albuquerque, NM. Daniel Gross and wife Corrina Gross of Rogers, AR. David Gross of Pateros, WA. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, sister Helen Robertson, and daughter Rebecca Mae Gross.

Memorial Service will be held on April 11th at 2:00 pm at Bridgeport High School. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to North Cascades Bank (Brewster, WA Branch) "Dale Gross Memorial Carving Fund" honoring Dale's legacy and service to the community in which he fell in love with and resided for more than a half century.

Previous Events

Service

APR 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Bridgeport High School
1220 Kryger Street
Bridgeport, WA 98813

Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter Dale Gross*



Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel - April 08, 2015 at 04:59 PM



Beautiful music...Beautiful pictures. Thanks for sharing your memories.

Stacy Bergman - April 09, 2015 at 10:07 AM



“ *Walter Dale Gross*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *To the Family of Dale Gross: There is so much that can be said at this time, but no words seem adequate. Just hope you know you're being thought about and cared about and hoe you find special comfort in knowing that your Father and all he meant to you will remain in your heart forever. Jim and Jennifer Evans*



Jennifer Evans - April 12, 2015 at 07:03 PM

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“ Dale was such a warm caring man. My husband would drive into Bridgeport to pick up his prescriptions and come home with a hunting knife. He and Dale shared a passion for hunting and fishing. The community has lost a wonderful friend and dear man. May he forever rest in peace. God bless and comfort his family. Anna Ruddell

Engr1_amr@yahoo.com - April 10, 2015 at 12:18 PM

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“ There just aren't enough words to adequately describe how much Dale really was the perfect friend to so many people - my wife and I included. As everyone has said and will say in the coming days.....he WILL be sorely missed. Mike and Charlene Knox

Michael Knox - April 09, 2015 at 04:57 PM

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“ Dale was always there for us! Anytime any day. He took great pains to make sure we were taken care of. Bev and I will surely miss Dale. Phil and Bev Lee

Philip Lee - April 08, 2015 at 06:54 PM

Neil Jacobson

“ Share a memory? Wow after 25 years of knowing Dale it would take pages and pages to share all the good this man brought to the town of Bridgeport and the citizens he served. His friendship was pure and honest. Our family will miss him so much.



Neil Jacobson - April 06, 2015 at 12:05 AM



“ Dale and Gross Drug has always been a focal point in many of our lives. As kids we loved to go there and look at the things in the store, a place to buy something special for our moms and dads, or a special treat!!!! Dale was always kind and gave each of us the special attention we needed. Such great memories and a great man!!!!

Kandace Klenz - April 05, 2015 at 02:31 PM

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“ Dale was such an asset to the community. He was always there for us with a cheery comment. He will be greatly missed
.Ron and Barbara Dezellem

Barbara Dezellem - April 03, 2015 at 12:50 PM