

Michael "Bo" Bohanon

March 8, 1946 - April 14, 2020

Michael died April 14th, 2020 he was 74 years old

Born in Kansas City Missouri on March 8th, 1946 to Eunice and Francis Bohanon. Michael was surrounded by his family. He passed at home very peacefully.

Michael was surpassed in death by his wife Barbara Ann Bohanon and both his parents.

He left behind his love and partner Kathy, his daughters Michelle and Heather, his sons Michael and Chris. His grandchildren; Skyler, Daniel, Breanna, Ethan, Emmett, Kailee, and great-granddaughter Evelyn. He was loved so much and will be missed every day.

“BO” as he was lovingly called by all who knew him had a passion for fishing. A passion he passed on to all his friends and family. So many wonderful stories spent with Bo out on the water. Every bait shop having pictures of him and his cohorts holding the big catch. The big catch getting bigger with every story told.

Michael was a master salesman known as a legend in the industry.

He passed on his skills to all who worked with him and his family, many of which followed in his footsteps. He pushed and trained and passed on skills that carry us all through life. His work ethic is unmatched, always saying be the first in and the last to leave. Never ask an employee to do anything you wouldn't do yourself. His favorite tip was if your cleaning toilets make sure your toilet sparkles. No job too small and you must always do your best to get ahead. Never be late and never tell a lie as we are too stupid to remember what we said.

A legend Michael “BO” Bohanon, a loving Father, partner, grandfather, great-grandfather and a friend to all! He will be missed always and forever.

a celebration of life will be sometime in the summer when we can gather. Family will contact all when date and time is decided

Comments



“ Happy Father’s Day daddy, it was a tough one not having you here. No Tad’s Chicken N Dumplings. You were a wonderful father, grandfather and a great grandfather. Wishing you so much happiness in your heavenly life. Keep watching over us you and mom, keep us safe. I really wish I could talk with you. It’s my birthday tomorrow. Nothing feels the same I just miss you so much. Love you always,
Michelle

Michelle Bohanon - June 23 at 12:54 AM



“ Michelle
I got caught up in the emotions...
Your Dad was a father to me when I needed it most in life. From teaching the ropes of retail, and the best coach with fishing. There are so many memories that storm through my brain. The biggest memory is his heart, once he believed in a person he gave it his all to make sure they succeeded even at a sacrifice to himself. And that story travels through you and your family.
I loved Mike even the years that separated us didn't matter.
Sounds like a love story, It was.....
Cheers to the Legend!!

Tommy.....

Michelle Bohanon - June 23 at 12:49 AM



“ There are so many great memories with Bo it's difficult to choose. Mike Bohanon was a genuine person. A gentleman always, a dedicated father, a fisherman extraordinaire, a master story teller and one of the funniest people I've ever had the honor to call friend!! Bo was a good friend and I shall miss him. Heaps of love my friend...fish on!!!
Deb Schroeder

Deborah Schroeder - May 11 at 02:54 PM



“ Love you Deb,
Thank you, he was a good friend and very funny, we miss him!

Michelle - May 14 at 10:55 AM



“ Good morning dad,
Missing you so much. Wish I could call you.
That's the hardest right now as I just miss our conversations. Love you always! I'm
so comforted that your fishing healthy and happy.
Enjoy your eternal life. Love Michelle

Michelle Bohanon - May 11 at 11:19 AM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Heather Bohanon - April 30 at 10:08 PM



“ My Dad was my #1 everything. He was my best friend my confidant and most of all a
great father. I have so many great memories to hold dear to my heart oh how I wish
he was still here. I will cherish his gold heart in mine. Forever and always until we
meet again.

Heather Bohanon - April 30 at 09:53 PM



“ Dad will be missed big time, he was my dad and best friend. Through good times and
bad you could always count on he advice. He was a legend and always will be. Miss
you man!



michael p bohanon - April 30 at 09:45 PM



“ In my early years after I purchased Smith's many of my key staff left as they didn't
like my partners anymore than I did. Mike stayed and led the rest of our staff. He was
outstanding as the manager of our Tigard store and it was his leadership that
enabled his team to always be the number one store in the chain. When he spoke all

listened as they all trusted him and his leadership. From a more personal note like many of his friends fishing with Mike was always a great joy. My heart goes out to all of his family.

Glen Grodem

Glen grodem - April 30 at 03:34 PM



“ Words cannot express the loss of my dad. He was more than my dad he was my friend and confidant. He was larger than life. I can only hope that i can become half the man he is. I wake up every day missing him. I cant believe he is gone. I just hope that when we are together in heaven that he understands that i tried. But I'm only a man. He was much more than that. he is a hero to all who knew him. I will miss him every day of my life. I love you pop's

Chris bohanon - April 29 at 09:20 PM



“ Michael "Bo" Bohanon or "The Legend" (as I called him) is an amazing man, companion, father, grandfather, friend, and mentor. He was so humble. He would always grumble when I would call him the "The Legend" because he said it made him feel like he had to live up to a certain standard and expectation. He never realized that he was always living up to that standard and expectation. I hope he knows now.

He had a wealth of knowledge and life experience that he loved to share. He blessed me with a lot of good advice and helped me make the right decision when the decision was tough. All that knowledge and experience was the recipe for all the ideas he had brewing in his head. Even today, I wait for his call or voice message that always starts with, "Brendan, I have an idea...".

He had work ethic like no one else. All of us at Mattress World Northwest are blessed to have worked with such an amazing man. He taught and coached many. He wanted others to succeed. He found success in the success of others. He love the thrill of the sale. It was like fishing to him. He could always get them on the line and then reel them in.

His love and loyalty runs deep. He may have looked like a handsome, rugged and tough cowboy but he was definitely a softy. I was always in awe of the love the man had for his wife, Barb, his Love, Kathy, his children and grandchildren. His love and loyalty was like something you would read in a storybook or see in a movie. It was unreal.

As others have mentioned, Bo loved fishing. He loved to share fishing. One day my kids will never forget is the day they went fishing with "Bo". The day started off slow and you could tell that Bo was disappointed, not because he didn't catch anything but

because the kids hadn't experienced that thrill and feeling of having a fish on the line. In the mid-afternoon Kathy called and Bo was expressing his disappointment, then out of nowhere one of the kids gets a bite. Bo's eyes lit up. He dropped the phone, jumped up and started coaching. Within a minute another kid gets one on the line. Seconds go by and Bo gets one on his line. We had 3 fish on the line at the same time. Bo was so excited and got such a rush from seeing those kids experience fishing. Shortly after the rush he called Kathy to tell her what had happened. The kids finished the day with a sunburn, memories and fish. Attached are photos from that day.

There is no doubt that many will miss Bo and the joy he brought to everyone. I hope that we all will be able to share with others at least some fraction of the joy that Bo brought to us all.



Brendan Foster - April 29 at 07:48 PM



“Wow! I can't believe he's gone. Over half a century my best friend. We fished, hunted, work together and did a lot of other things. I could write a book maybe several of all the good things, crazy things, funny things and a few so called bad things we did. He taught me so much selling, and treating customers. I will miss him so much. Doing the things we like to do together will always be some of the greatest memories in my life. David Cossel.

David Cossel - April 28 at 11:38 PM



“This picture was found by Mike's son Chris, taken in Oregon sometime in the 60's he thought



Kathy Keith - April 28 at 09:51 PM



“ Bo will be missed on the beach in Kalama. He had some great days fishing. He caught so many he released them until he got the one he wanted. He was an Amazing fisherman, but that sells him short. More importantly he was a great guy.

Brian and Nola Stowell

brian stowell - April 28 at 08:13 PM



“ So many fond memoriesI will never forget our bike ride together.....started from "The House", Headed up Sandy Blvd. Towards Troutdale. We stopped and enjoyed the geese taking off and flying in sync. Mike so enjoyed that. I remember taking some pics, hopefully I can find those to share. Always an adventure when you were with Mike...Hiking in the Columbia River Gorge.....Plenty of trails....but oh nooooo.....Mike would definitely take you off the beaten path 🚶.....traversing down a hill.....mostly on our butts.....but somehow always made it back to the car and on our way home.....laughing and talking about how we just did that with no broken bones 🚶.....Plenty sore the next day, but no broken bones! And of course the fishing trips! I was always so impressed to watch how he could maneuver that drift boat around those boulders on the Sandy or Clackamas rivers. Always said, "Janny, pack a lunch, let's go fishing".....Barb would hang out at the house and said, " I will have dinner ready when you get back". She always did.....with a big fire in the wood stove, and always the best dinner!! Then we would sit out in the back yard and of course talk about our day.....laughing.....telling stories.....great times.....great memories.....Love you MikeWill look forward to seeing you again

Jan Washburn-Fielder - April 28 at 06:04 PM



“ A gentle giant...Always willing to help someone in need. And I loved the way he loved my cuzzy. Charley

Charlene Compton - April 28 at 05:49 PM



“ I will always remember our time in the jeep when you jumped the draw bridge. Great memories were always made when we were together!! Love you Mike!!
Christopher

Christopher Keith - April 28 at 03:28 PM



“ Bo was so much fun. A very good friend of my dad. They worked together at Smith’s home furnishings. They played together at Charlie Browns pub and the many fishing and crabbing trips. They are together again fishing in Heaven. Peace and love to Kathy and the family. Marlis Weber Tjaden. He was a great guy.

Marlis Tjaden - April 28 at 02:53 PM



“ I love you always. You never let me forget how proud you were of me. I miss your voice I just miss you. I have the best guardian angel A girl could ask for and I couldn’t be more grateful. You got to see me enter this world and I got to see you leave it. The best part is I know one day I’ll be with you again and that’s what makes this loss a little bit easier. You were a fighter, a lover and sensitive I’ll cherish every moment I had with you. There will never be another YOU. You made the whole room laugh with your jokes or your sarcasm I was so proud and so honored to have someone like you that I call Grandpa I love you handsome I’ll always remember your last word to me and those were “I LOVE YOU” rest in love Grandpa

breanna drew - April 28 at 02:10 PM

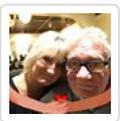


“ We’ve lost an old-time friend, Mike "Bo" Bohanon. Bo finally was beaten by a vicious enemy, cancer, as he passed peacefully surrounded by his family and partner, Kathy. He fought long and hard and lived a full life during the struggle. He never seemed to let this disease get the best of him. He virtually left this Earth with a fishing pole in his hand. This would be the first Spring Run that he's missed in several decades.

Bo was a true friend to all of us with his caring and generous manner. He always displayed patience whether it was teaching a friend to sell or catch a fish.

Be well as you remember your friendship with our friend, Michael "Bo" Bohanon.

Otto Papasadero - April 28 at 12:14 PM



“ Dad, thank you for being an amazing father, so fun strong and your heart was for everyone.
I miss you so much I will always miss our fishing trips, phone chats and your jokes. ThAnks for the love and the laughs. Love you daddy! Michelle



Michelle Bohanon - April 27 at 10:13 PM



“ So many great memories with a man I loved dearly and who loved me to the moon and back



Kathy Keith - April 27 at 04:00 PM