



## Wyman David Elliott

November 25, 1945 - November 20, 2011

Wyman 'David' Elliott was born November 25th, 1945 in St. Louis, Missouri. His parents divorced when he was very young and he spent his childhood moving from state to state, going to a different school every year. The one constant was his summers on his grandparents' farm in Arkansas where he remembered good times with his cousin Mike, who was like a brother to him, and the kindness of his "Grannie". He was proud of the work ethic he learned on that farm, and it proved handy later in life.

David was a football player in high school, and loved to go watch his son Wesley play when he was in High School, often giving him tips and pointers for his game and reliving his days as a player.

After high school, David joined the Marine Corps. He served for 2 years, and was stationed in Camp Lejeune, NC and Okinawa, Japan. After the Marine Corp, he did a meat cutter apprenticeship, and worked his way up to Journeyman, and meat cutting became his life's career.

David eventually ended up in San Diego, California where he met and married Carol Sue Benyas, who already had a daughter Laura Eve, in 1980. Carol and David had a son Wesley David in 1981.

David was an avid tennis player, and had to be called out of a tennis match when Carol went into labor with Wes so he could meet her at the hospital.

In 1986, the family moved to La Center, Washington. Wesley started kindergarten in La Center and Laura started Junior High. During their school years, David worked to support his family at various grocery stores in the Portland Metro area working as a meat cutter. He enjoyed playing tennis and chess and going to his kids' sporting events.

When the kids were out of school, David filled his days tending to his farm animals, playing tennis, and working. He retired early from meat cutting, but worked at the La Center School District as a bus driver in recent years.

David touched a lot of lives over the years. He will be remembered as a funny, generous, and cantankerous man with strong beliefs and a unique way of viewing the world.

He is survived by his Son, Wesley, his Daughter, Laura, his Sister Karen, Niece Lisa, and Cousin Mike.

Services will be Saturday December 3rd at 1pm at the La Center Grange Hall. He will be buried on his family plot in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

In Lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Children's International:

<https://www.children.org/giftform.asp?sid=7C29C58-3287-4D03-88C6-36D5BDC3B3451>

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# Events

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La Center Grange Hall,  
328 W. 5th Street, La Center, WA, US

# Comments

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Janet - July 09, 2016 at 10:32 AM

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Janet - July 09, 2016 at 10:28 AM

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“ I remember you were a great sports fan. You lived for baseball and basketball. You were very disciplined, which at the time and to this day, I am not. You inspired me and helped me get into shape. You had me up at dawn jogging. I can hear you now, "pick up the pace, pick up the pace." you loved to ski and play tennis and aspired to being the best at it and always took it seriously. You loved your beautiful new car you saved every penny to buy it cash even though it was new. It was a 240-Z. There was a waiting list for that car then. Those are all the things I remember you were passionate about.

Janet - July 09, 2016 at 10:22 AM

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“ My dear Uncle: you will be missed so much. I treasured every conversation and email we shared. You were such an innovative thinker and always held strong beliefs and I admired you so much. You were my hero.

Lisa Hollandsworth - December 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Wyman David Elliott c/o Hillside Chapel funeral home.

December 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ From the moment I met you Dave, only a year or so ago I felt a connection that is rare and not taken lightly. You were a man of great conviction and a seeker of truth and what is right. I am inspired by you.

I will miss you and the sharing of your thoughts. I am sure your friends and family will always cherish your memory and miss you.

**Dave Roley** - December 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dave when you married my best friend you became family.

We have so many memories not the least of them the quest for truth that brought us all to the Northwest. We shared many a laugh and many long conversations. Play in the stars, explore the void. So be it.

**Esther Haberman** - November 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathies to the family. Dave was a great neighbor; he was always there to help. We will miss him.

**Janda and Bill Bauman** - November 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Words, however kind,  
can't mend your heartache: ,  
but those who care and ,  
share your loss wish you,  
comfort and peace of mind.,  
May you find strength,  
in the love of family,  
and in the warm embrace,  
of friends.,

Deepest Sympathy

Cody,Lori,and Chris Chodowski

**Cody Chodowski** - November 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ My condolences to the family. David always expressed his deep love and affection  
for his loved ones.

**Carol Hall** - November 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ My dear nephew...

He always kept in touch with me over the years...

We will miss him...

**Helen Roche** - November 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ What a great neighbor you were, I will never forget you for your kindness and all the information you would give me and later in life we met again, But working together, you were than a enjoyable employee and friend, Thank you for all your advise and friendship, you are missed for how unique of a person you were. I will be putting a Special ornament on our tree this season to remember you !

**Diana Hantho (Glenn)** - November 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ RIP David, glad to have known you and respected you as a person of integrity and a person that adhered to his personal beliefs. You walked to the beat of the drummer you believed in, Namaste

**Joe D. Barbee** - November 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ David you cracked me up every time I saw you. The last thing you showed me was a balloon type thing covered with mesh that you showed me "secretly" that you squeezed and made into a bunch of grapes looking thing. You seemed so proud of yourself. I laughed just because of your expressions and own delight. You are one of a kind and will be missed!

**Mindy Kestner Grove** - November 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dad, you lived life to the fullest, and went out on your terms. You ended life the same way you lived life--with determination, energy, passion, humor, and optimism. You will definitely be in my heart forever, and will be missed. You helped make me the woman I am today.

**Laura Ellsworth** - November 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM