
Jeffrey C. Woods

Jeffrey Clell Woods was born in Cle Elum, Wash., the fourth of four children born to John Wayne Woods and Margaret V. Woods.

Jeff graduated from high school in Mountain View, Idaho, in 1978. He held letters in wrestling, football and baseball through high school. He was the lightweight Golden Gloves champion in 1972-73-74 in Washington, Idaho and Montana while boxing for the Spokane Eagles Club.

He loved boxing and would enter "So You Say You're Tough" boxing contests until the age of 20.

Following in his father and brother Mike's footsteps, he entered into the powerline apprenticeship program at the age of 19 with a long career that lasted 39 years.

Jeff built powerline towers across the Pacific Northwest, including the Boundry Dam project. He installed towers over the Pend Oreille River with helicopters overhead flying in sections of the towers to be bolted together from the sky.

He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and was greatly honored by his brothers in his trade.

Jeff loved snow skiing, water sports, bow hunting and working with horses with his daughters. He built the 4-H horse arena in Republic, Wash.

It is impossible to put in a short obituary all of this great man's accomplishments. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by two daughters, Jessy Wright of LaGrande, Ore., and Katey Hammond of Mountain Home, Idaho; a sister Jenne Watkins of Loon Lake; four grandchildren, Brody, Preston, Lynkolin and Tennyson; five nephews; and two nieces.

A funeral service will be held in LaGrande with family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held 1 p.m. on Dec. 1 at the Loon Lake Saloon.

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