



## David Leon Hanson

March 31, 1949 - March 18, 2021

Dave Hanson worked and passed on his beloved ranch.

Born March 31st, 1949 to Ann and Oswald Hanson, Dave was the third of five children, Dave grew up on the Hanson Dairy. After graduating from Redmond High School in 1967, Dave joined the Navy and served upon the USS Dale.

After serving his country, Dave returned home to do what he loved, working the land and raising animals. Locally known for raising Polled Herefords and nationally known for breeding exotics animals, Dave was always found on a tractor, moving cattle or taking care of his big cats. What started with one cougar, Sheeba, riding around in his pickup turned into a full fledged wildlife sanctuary tucked away just above the Deschutes river with a wide array of exotic animals. Dave's animals can be seen all over zoos and sanctuaries on the west coast and made appearances in movies like Benji and Junglebook.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Ann and Oswald and his brother, Kevin. Dave is survived by his siblings, Arlene (Vern) Michaels of Klamath Falls, Rod (Sandi) Hanson of Terrebonne, Steve (Linda) Hanson of Bend, Carol (Bob) Downs of Terrebonne, his former wife of 37 years, Diane Hanson of Bend and his children, Stephanie Jones of Woodinville, WA, Jessica (Chris) Wells of Cottage Grove, Heidi (Harrison) McArthur of Albany, Danny (Sarah) Hanson of Chico, CA, and Michael Hanson of Bend, as well as the six

grandchildren who he adored, Kyden, Owen, Parker, Huntley, Adelyn and Harper.

A celebration of life will be held in the coming summer.

Arrangement entrusted to Redmond Memorial Chapel.  
541-548-3219.

# Tribute Wall



“ *David Leon Hanson*

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**Sandy Gregory** - March 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM