



Ronald Hodge

December 17, 1942 - November 22, 2008

Ronald A. Hodge, 66, Bismarck, peacefully passed onto his next adventure on November 22, 2008, after a courageous 3 ½ year battle with multiple myeloma. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11:00 AM at Church of the Ascension in Bismarck with Rev. Marvin Klemmer officiating. Burial will be at the North Dakota Veteran's Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a vigil service will be held at 6:00 PM. Visitation will continue Wednesday one hour prior to the service at the church. Ron was born in New London, Connecticut, on January 17, 1942, the son of Mary and Gerville Hodge. After high school graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy and was selected for submarine service. While serving on the U.S.S. Nautilus, Ron embarked on the first expedition under the polar ice cap. After military service, he received a B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a Juris Doctorate in Law from the University of California, Davis. Ron was always an activist for Native American causes all his life and assisted in establishing the first Native American University DQU in Davis, California, and helped draft Public Law 280 in California. He also served many years in California Legal Services prior to moving to Bismarck and established his own law practice. He also served as Assistant Attorney General under Governor Al Olson. Ron started a wholesale pharmaceutical company which assisted him in his many philanthropic causes. Ron was a loving and devoted father and was blessed with two wonderful children, Tiffany Hodge and Tyson Hodge of

Bismarck, and two beautiful twin grandchildren, Elora and Selia Hockholter of Bismarck. Ron was a kind and generous friend throughout his life and gladly gave his time and resources to anyone in need. The main focus of his life, and from which he derived the most pleasure, was his family, work, and using his abilities to help make a better life for everyone. He is survived by his son, Tyson of Bismarck; his daughter, Tiffany of Bismarck; two grandchildren, Elora and Selia of Bismarck; one brother, Gary Hodge of New London, Connecticut; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Scyrina and Ed Moore of Gig Harbor, Washington, Elaine and Jerry Foley of Deerfield, Michigan, and Leona and Len Volk of Norfolk, Virginia; one brother-in-law, Sid Trundle of Santa Barbara, California; four adopted brothers, Tom Weeks, Pete Red Tomhawk, Wilbur Red Tomhawk, and John Binder; and many beloved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and Gerville Hodge and his sister, Diana Trundle.

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Rons family - I had the pleasure of spending a few days with Ron when he attended our family reunion in Big Sky in 2003. He was there with Kathy Wachter my cousin - and spent 3 days at our house. I only wish I could have spent more time with him but thankful for the time he was with us.

Brooks Hanna - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. You are in my prayers.

marge palaniuk - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Really enjoyed knowing Ron and got so much from his perspective on life and his ability to encourage people in exactly the right way. Will remember you always Ron, and am the better for having known you. Go with God my friend.

Mike Taylor - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ My deepest condolences to Mr. Ron Hodge's Family and friends. I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Hodge at the Tribal Court. We would trade war stories about our service in the U.S. Navy. He was a great mentor to me, he told that if life got me down, to dust off and get back up. He will be greatly missed! He is on that big ship somewhere on the ocean in the great beyond.

Terry L. Medicine Crow - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ God Bless you and your family during this difficult time. We will keep you in our prayers.

Jerry Zimmerman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ We send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Your father was a wonderful man. I am sure my dad and him are together in heaven.

Ben & Trasi Buchholtz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Deepest Sympathy To Rons children, grand-children and close family and friends. Ron was a wonderful person and did so many wonderful things for others. His life was full and blessed. He will be missed by everyone.

Mike & Gayle Hoff - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Tiff and Tyson, sorry to hear about your loss. Our prayers are with you. If you need anything do not hesitate to call.

George LaFave - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I am so sorry for your loss. The memories I have of your father and your family are something I think about often. He left an impression on me that I will never forget. I will always cherish the memories of the time I spent with your family and the experiences we had. Ron had a wonderful heart and that showed in his children. I have missed all of you and if there is anything I can do to help in this time of need just let me know. Thoughtfully,Brian

Brian D. Lang - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Sorry to hear of the loss. Our thoughts are with you.

Jon Webb - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ I was a Correctional Officer at Fort Yates P.D. while he worked as a Advocate for the Tribe We were all in the same building.He also worked along side my mom Kathy while at Tribal Court.My prayers are with his family, he will be missed.

Nichole Winans - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Ron always had a kind word to say to everyone--he knew about my health problems and never failed to ask how I was doing. He will be greatly missed, as he was such a great person. I am so sorry for your loss.

shelly kostelecky - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Tyson, very sorry too hear about your dad, i will always remember the days we spent on the river with your dad and family, thoughts and prayers are with you.

Chad S Schiermeister - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Tiffany & Family,I was very sorry to hear of your fathers passing. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers!God bless and keep!Wylie HammondMinot State University

Wylie Hammond - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Tiffany, I am so sorry to hear about your father Ron. I enjoyed working with him at the Tribal Court.

Kathy Dancing Bull-Buffalo Boy - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ Tiffany and family, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Wendy Egli Kuhn - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I wanted to let you know I am here for you. Lenore

Lenore Bradford - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WZ

“ I owe much of my success as Chief Judge is due to Ron. He gave me wise and true advice which helped me to understand the Lakota people when I came to Ft. Yates. We went for a walk every noon, Ron's health permitting. I will miss him.

William P. Zuger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Tiffany, I met your dad once thought he was a great guy. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Debbie Vogel Enzminger - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM