



## Robert Floyd Ashley Jr

February 29, 1948 - August 19, 2015

Robert F. Ashley, Jr. passed away at age 67 at home in Alsea, he was surrounded by his family and friends.

Robert was born Bremerton, Washington, lived most of his life in Oregon. He retired from Oregon State University as Chief Engineer of the research vessel Oceanus. He worked for the University for 23 years and as an engineer on board the research vessel Thomas G. Thompson of the University of Washington for 14 years.

His STCW training has prepared him for this last voyage!

Robert is survived by daughters Tamara Westbrook, Tammy Ashley, Melissa Zimic, Jennifer Ashley and son, Matthew Ashley; 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandson—"All of which made my life worth living."

# Tribute Wall

LA

“ I only met you once, but you were very supportive when first your dad (my stepdad) Bob passed and then when my mom Jane passed. Sorry to hear so late that you have passed also. Your dad was so proud that you followed in his footsteps and he talked of you often.

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**Linda Ashley** - March 19, 2017 at 02:09 AM

VA

“ Valerie lit a candle in memory of Robert Floyd Ashley Jr



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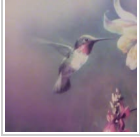
**Valerie** - August 30, 2015 at 11:49 AM

VA

“ To my first love: I was so sad to hear of your passing. When you went into the Navy and would come home on leave, we always had so much fun. I was only 16 years old at the time, after you got out of the service, we went our separate ways, but i have always wanted to see you again just to say hello and talk about old times and know about your kids, etc. But someday I will see you again and I can see that big smile you always had for me . You have always had a place in my heart Robin, always will. Rest in Peace and I know you will be watching over your family. Always, "Sweetpea" (Valerie)

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**Valerie** - August 30, 2015 at 11:48 AM



“ *Marilyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Robert Floyd Ashley Jr*



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**Marilyn Smith** - August 30, 2015 at 03:12 AM



“ *I first met Robin in 65 or 66, was always fun to be around, with his big grin and great laugh!! We always had a way of running into each other, and he always had his big grin, arms open wide for a big hug and kiss!! We may not have always been able to visit long, but enjoyed what we did!! I will really miss him.. God bless you Robin, and keep you in his loving hands!! My sincere sympathy, and prayers are with you all, and God bless you all through this trying time.*

*Marilyn J Smith*

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**Marilyn Smith** - August 30, 2015 at 03:11 AM



“ *Uncle Robin, although we were not close I always had fond memories of you from when I was a child. Listening to my mother, your sister (Ardynne), tell the stories from when you were young. So, tomorrow when I have my coffee I will think of both of you sitting around the kitchen coffee table smoking a cigarette and having coffee together. Tell her I love her and miss her. May God bless you both. I will pray for your family.*

*Your niece, Ann Strickler (Tripp)*

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**Ann Strickler** - August 29, 2015 at 08:45 PM

VA

“ Hey Babe, I am so sorry that I didn't ever contact you later on in our lives, but our lives get hectic with our families, work etc. You have always had a place in my heart since you were my very first love. You went into the Navy and when you came home on leaves, we always had so much fun together and my family loved you dearly, my mom especially. I was only 15 when we met and when you got out of the Navy, we were together for a year or more after, then just went our separate ways. Your sisters Ardynne and Robbie always called and talked to me. Your family was always so sweet to me. You made a great life for yourself and know your family was an important huge part of your life and so sad you were taken from them so young. I will see you someday and we will laugh like we used to do. This is just me little love story about you and me and I don't mean this to cause any bad feelings for your wife, or mother of your children. I know you have grand children, as I have 7 of my own and love them so very much. Just wanted to tell you that I will always cherish our time together and know you will be watching over your family from above. God Bless You As Always Robin, Your "Sweet Pea" ( as you always called me.)  
Valerie (Castle) ❤️

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**Valerie** - August 29, 2015 at 12:07 AM

PZ

“ I worked with Bob at OSU from 2004 to 2010. He was a fantastic Chief Engineer and always a pleasure to work with, whether the machines were running smooth, or in the middle of a mechanical disaster. He was always full of humor and quick of wit. He will be dearly missed. My sincere condolences to all of his family. Pete Zerr

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**Pete Zerr** - August 27, 2015 at 02:19 PM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss.I have worked with bob for many years on the wecoma and oceanus and we was good friends and fishing buddies as well.me and bob caught our biggest halibuts together when we was in alaska and had many great times together.bob was a great shipmate and had a kind heart and loved his family dearly.may the wind always be at your back and may the sun always be in your face.i will never forget you buddy. bosn Doug.....”



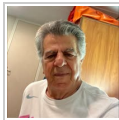
Doug Beck - August 27, 2015 at 04:35 AM

DB

“ so sorry for your loss.i have worked with bob on the wecoma and oceanus for several years.bob was my fishing buddy and we had many great times together catching our biggest halibut ever in alaska..bob was the greatest ship mate ever and a man with a kind heart.may the wind always be at your back and may the sun always be in your face.i will never forget you buddy.Bosn Doug Beck”



Doug Beck - August 26, 2015 at 08:41 PM



In 23 years at sea I can honestly say Bob Ashley was the best example of shipmate, he never had a bad word towards anyone.ill miss him but I'll never forget him.  
Tony 2nd mate R/V Oceanus (retired )

Tony Monocandilos - August 29, 2015 at 08:44 PM

DH

“ Bob, thanks for all of the chunks herring and pleasant company fishing off of the fantail over the years! You are missed...”

dale hubbard - August 24, 2015 at 01:47 PM

PB

“ *Bon voyage Bob! Fair winds and following seas to your new port. I sailed with Chief Ashley on the R/V Wecoma and R/V Oceanus, my condolences on the families loss.*  
*A/B-2nd Mate Patrick Breshears*



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**Patrick Breshears** - August 22, 2015 at 10:46 PM

JH

“ *I had the pleasure of sailing on the Wecoma with Bob as Chief Engineer for many years, and have many fond memories of him leaning on the rail at sunset . You probably already have this snapshot, taken in early 1990's, which I think I scanned from the OSU Ship Ops collection in 2012. I'm very sorry Bob didn't get to ride his motorcycle around the country for many more years. -Jane Huyer*



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**Jane Huyer** - August 22, 2015 at 01:48 PM