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# Robert Ellwood Deruelle, 75



Robert Ellwood "Bob" Deruelle, 75, passed away, Thursday, March 11, 2004 at his home near Bonners Ferry, Idaho. He died with dignity and honor after a short battle with cancer. Private family services have been held.

Bob was born on July 25, 1928 in Hempfield, Penn. to Ellwood and Alice Deruelle. He grew up and attended schools in Pennsylvania. In Bob's words, "he was the village idiot."

Bob married Edna Curry on Aug. 3, 1946 in Mercer, Penn. He worked as a mechanic all of his life. He worked for Hanford Nuclear Plant as a heavy duty mechanic, retiring to his home near Bonners Ferry in the early 1990's. Bob was very proud of the log house that he built with his own hands.

The last 10 years of Edna's life Bob served as her primary caregiver, refusing to leave her side. She passed away April 6, 2002. Bob always said, "When life serves you lemons, make lemonade." He made a lot of

lemonade in his lifetime.

Bob was active in the Bonners Ferry Senior Citizens. He enjoyed being on his motorcycle and tractor, working on his home, yard and property, and watching the wildlife.

He is survived by his two sons, Robert (Vickie) Deruelle of Diamond Springs, Calif. and Bruce (Marty) Deruelle of Anchorage, Alaska; two daughters, Cynthia (Larry) Bauman of Lakeport, Calif. and Robin (Greg) Hefelee of Dunbarton, N.H.; 16 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and three sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Edna, and two sisters.

Memorial donations may be made to Bonner Community Hospice, PO Box 1448, Sandpoint, ID 83864. Lakeview Funeral Home in Sandpoint is handling the arrangements. Please visit Bob's memorial at [www.lakeviewfuneral.com](http://www.lakeviewfuneral.com) <<http://www.lakeviewfuneral.com/>> and sign his online guest book.