



Ross Duane Bordwell

November 6, 1941 - May 9, 2014

On Friday, May 9, 2014, Ross, age 72, a long-time resident of Palmer Alaska, left his Albuquerque, NM home to join the great Mississippi Squirrel Revival in the sky.

Ross was born to Alfred Glenn and Mae Rene Bordwell in 1941 in Little Rock, AR. He was raised in Oklahoma and Texas, and moved with his family to Alaska in the 1950s. As a child and teen, Ross was passionate about radio and electronics, and was a ham radio operator. Ross did not graduate high school, because (depending on which offspring is consulted) he couldn't transfer his marching band credit to Alaska, he didn't like a teacher and dropped out, or the FBI was after him and that's why he joined Navy in 1960. He earned his GED in the US Navy where he honorably served for 5 1/2 years as a radioman.

After his discharge Ross took his radio expertise to work in the far north of Canada and Alaska. For 15 years, he traveled extensively through the Alaska Bush and the lower-48 supporting BLM survey teams. In 1987(ish) in order to spend more time at home with his family, he took a job in Anchorage, building BLM's first servers and technology infrastructure. He was a pioneer in the field of computers and passed to his children his passion for video games, technology, and technology's never ending potential. In 2008 Ross retired after forty years of government service, and he and Noni ran away in their Blue Bird coach to live as carnies.

Ross celebrated Alaska's statehood by leapfrogging parking meters in

Fairbanks, wooed Noni with his love of ice racing, rally, and autocross, and resolved his personal cold war with Marriage Encounter. He will be remembered for his joy in being alone with nature, bringing hitchhikers home unannounced, expounding upon any given topic for hours on end, and his absolute need for bleeding edge technology. He leaves a legacy of smart-asses, popcorn lovers, roller-coaster riders, and awful puns.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Noni Bordwell, his sister, Barbara Bordwell; his children, Ginger Lacy and husband Ralph, Pepper Cooper and wife Marz, Danny "Willie" Bordwell and wife Nicole, and Patti King; grandchildren, Annie "Nezzy", Brandi, Ava, Adi, Blake, Dylan, Raechel, Becki, Roben, and T.J.; great-grandchildren, Everett and Everleigh; and an extensive personal and professional network of family and friends. Ross was preceded in death by his great-granddaughter Aurora.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of his life will be held at FRENCH - Wyoming, 7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Disabled American Veterans, 2511 Utah St. NE Albuquerque, NM 87110, www.dav.org/donate.

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **13**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Ross Duane Bordwell*



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - May 13, 2014 at 09:55 AM

JJ

“ *Noni,
Sid and I send our thoughts your way.
After all these years we are sad to hear of the passing of one of the
"legends of Alaska Sports car racing."
We treasure our memories of Ross and his stories.
I will always remember the fun we had the day our families got
together at your new home in Palmer to excavate something...was it
a new septic system?
Sid and I divorced long ago but remain great friends. I retired last
year as the airport manager at Juneau International Airport. Sid
retired about 7 years ago. He is still totally into cars. Mostly street
rods with a side path into racing at Bonneville for a few years. I'm
still flying my little airplane, my evolution from racing Corvettes.
Sid spends his winters in Phoenix and mine are spent in Tucson.
I hope you are in good health. I know you must be enjoying your
children and their families.
Take good care...
Jeannie Johnson and Sid Johnson
skylark@alaska.net*

Jeannie Johnson - May 23, 2014 at 11:31 AM

CC

“ We are sorry to hear of Ross's passing, but he will always be remembered from our experiences with him and your family in Alaska as well as the beginning of your adventures in Florida. Our prayers go out to your family.

From K.C. and Char Christensen

Charlene Christensen - May 20, 2014 at 12:43 AM

DD

“ Noni: My deepest sympathy for you and the remaining family. Ross will be missed by a great many people. He was a wonderful person, an amazing person and I'm glad I had the chance to work with and beside him.

Doug Dickinson - USDI BLM Cadastral Electronics section.

Doug Dickinson - May 12, 2014 at 02:10 PM

DD

“ Douglas p D. purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Ross Duane Bordwell.



Douglas p D. - May 12, 2014 at 02:04 PM



“ Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Ross Duane Bordwell.



May 11, 2014 at 08:13 PM

WJ

“ With love Keith, Tina and Justice purchased the Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of Ross Duane Bordwell.



With love Keith, Tina and Justice - May 11, 2014 at 08:12 PM

HH

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Harold Hamilton - May 10, 2014 at 06:00 PM