

Herb Smoldt - Wildman

What's in a name? At birth our parents are asked to give us a Christian name. That name Was Herb. But that name doesn't define us. It doesn't tell people how our life was lived. If we walked with God, or Satan. But as the years go by our name becomes defined. We are called, Son, Brother, friend, if we are lucky Best friend, as we journey through life we never lose any of these names, just keep adding to them. Boy Friend. Fiancé, Lover and husband, than life takes a turn and we have know idea how we became Daddy, and then Grandpa. All of these great mile stones as to who we are. And start defining us.

Herb also had names like Wildman, Biker, and a few others I can't say here, and than his life took one of the most profound turns a man could ever take. As Herb met Bill W and Dr Bob and really learned to walk with God he got names like newcomer and sponcee and later sponsor and Dry Rider. Each and every one of us is here because we knew Herb by one of these many names he carries. There have been many tears shed lately, but those tears should not be tears of sorrow but really tears of all the great times we have shared and the memories made. Because if we have never loved, we could never cry. Herb would want us to celebrate Life the way he lived it. Fast, hard and very happy!

Herb was sponsor to a lot of us here and always took time to talk with us. So one day I asked Herb, what's the secret, how do you find something good in all the bad things that happen? Herb without a thought laughed and said you fool you can't change it any way. So just see something funny in it, Because God's just messing with us!

So I asked alright then what's the secret to Life! To have that happiness! And Herb laughed again and without any hesitation he said." Life it's for living! Don't wait for it go get it" Live every day to the best your ability and you'll find it's worth living. Even as Herb was nearing the end of his journey he was laughing and telling us to keep on living. Take it one day at a time. But just keep on going! He was at peace with his journey!

Proverbs 4:18 tells us

God is not angry with us because we have not yet arrived; He is pleased with us that we are staying on track and pressing on. And if we keep on keeping on God will be pleased with us. Keep walking the walk. A walk of one step at a time. And that's how Herb lived!

I believe that god is so pleased with the walk that Herb has taken because he has helped so many others walk closer to God. By the great examples of living life that he has given to all of us!

We are so fortunate to have taken part in the journey with Herb, most people will never get a chance in there lifetime to be around someone with the grace and wisdom of life that Herb had. And Herb was so willing to give that away free of any charge or debt owed.

And these actions and these names are what defined the life of Wildman, Herb smoldt. You will be missed but not forgotten!

Wildman, until we all meet again, don't bother rest' in, Just Ride the skyways, wide open,

Tim Miller
Dry Riders MC.