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Duane LaVigne, son of Leon and Stella LaVigne and brother of LeRoy LaVigne accomplished an extraordinary life. Duane passed surrounded by his loving family at his home in Cashmere Washington on August 4th 2021.

Duane was a skier pioneer, a football Bulldog, an Eagle Scout, Farmhouse Frat WSU Cougar with a degree in business, LaVigne Insurance Agency founder, Volunteer Fireman / Chief, corner stone of Cashmere United Methodist Church, enthusiastic Rotarian, Cashmere's Man of the Year, and member of the Biped Hiking Society. He was the loving husband of Jane LaVigne and they spent their 53 year sharing a love of family, community and church. Duane was a nurturing father to Kathi (Tom) Kinsella, Tom (Anne) LaVigne, Michelle (Arnie) Pipkin and Allison (Ed Womack). He instilled in each of his children and grandchildren a deep faith inspired by the miracle of nature. His family and community alike learned the value of good-humored friendships and unwavering spirit. In his wake he leaves a better and more hopeful community.

After the loss of Jane, Duane found companionship and love with Jewell

Goetz, who had also been recently widowed. They were married in Monterey California on January 1st, 2005. Together they shared the stories from the past with many similarities in their lives. Both had energy and exuberance for travel, enjoyment of the eight children between them, and their grandchildren.

A special thank you to Om at Home Care Services and their compassionate caregivers.

The Celebration of Life has been postponed to a later date due to Covid restrictions.

Donations can be made in Honor of Duane to:  
Cashmere United Methodist Church 213 So. Division Street  
Cashmere, WA 98815

# Tribute Wall

MD

“ Duane was one of the finest men I have ever known and I am saddened by his passing - but I rejoice knowing he is above watching after his family and friends. His loyalty to family and faith is second to none! Oh how I enjoyed our many private conversations and his gentle laughter. You were such an inspiration to us all.

*Unfortunately we are not able to attend his service but Audrey and I will be there in spirits!*

*Mike and Audrey Dingle*

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**Mike Dingle** - August 18, 2021 at 02:13 PM

JD

“ John and I are very sad to know that we will not see Duane's smiling face nor feel how he warmed up a place by his presence. We are comforted that he has left us all a legacy of goodness and courage...an example of going out of one's way to notice, appreciate, and help others. He was the "real deal" when it came to loving others as one's self. Thank you, Duane, for shining your light on all those around you. We will remember the example of your life as we strive to be better (and more fun, adventurous) people. With much admiration and affection, June and John Darling

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**june darling** - August 16, 2021 at 11:01 PM

DC

“ Duane is a rock for the LaVigne family. Always loving, sharing and greeting all of us honorary LaVigne's with warmth, kindness and love. So many memories of him sitting in a lawn chair, feeding chipmunk's at the cabin, and enjoying family and friends. He always had a quick smile and laugh. He will be missed dearly and hopefully he has joined Jane. She probably welcomed him with "good to see you kid" Love to all - we share your love and grief - Drue Kirby Coats

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**Drue Coats** - August 09, 2021 at 03:16 PM

DF

“ Duane was one of the kindest and friendly man I ever met. Dan Firth

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**Dan Firth** - August 07, 2021 at 12:03 PM