



Robert Leo Knappert

June 9, 1939 - July 22, 2020

Robert Leo "Bob" Knappert was born at home in Cashmere to Bruno C. and May (Smith) Knappert on June 9, 1939. He passed away on July 22, 2020 at the age of 81. He graduated from Cashmere High School in 1957. He was drafted into the Army in 1963 and served as a medic at Battery D 2D Missile Battalion 562D Artillery in Alaska. Following his Honorable Discharge, he returned to the family farm in Cashmere. Bob worked for H&H Plumbing, eventually purchasing the business. In 1973, Bob married Marie Grentz and was blessed with four daughters; Ann Marie and grandchildren Ben and Levi, Julie (Jeff) Brummel, Kathleen (James) Swafford, and Monica.

Bob was a 41 year American Legion member and had served as Commander of Post #64 in Cashmere. Bob is survived by his wife, children, and one brother, Gerald Knappert of Cashmere.

Bob always put his trust in God and loved his family and his country dearly. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to: American Legion Post #64, PO Box 832, Cashmere, WA 98815. The family would like to express sincere thanks to Cashmere Care Center for the loving care provided Bob. An online pictorial tribute can be viewed at www.heritagememorialchapel.com. Bob's tribute page is also set up for family and friends to write a memory/condolence. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, Cashmere, WA.

Tribute Wall

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“ Terry and I thought the world of Bob. He was so kind and smart and funny. We loved listening to his stories. He was so proud of his girls and always told us where they were and what they were doing. He was such a hard worker with endless energy. He would stop by and visit at our office and drink coffee, which was usually day old but he didn't care. We love you Bob. Terry and Patti Davis

Patti Davis - August 04, 2020 at 12:43 PM

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“ Bob was always a loving, understanding and gentle husband, father and grandfather. He could build anything from practically nothing, and could remarkably repair anything that was broken. Bob was a devout Catholic and truly did spread the Gospel by his example and actions. He will live forever in our memories. We will always miss him and love him. ~Marie

Julie Brummel - August 04, 2020 at 09:47 AM

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“ I met Mr. Knappert, as I referred to him when I was in my sixth or seventh grade, as he was our Catechism teacher at St. Francis in Cashmere. I learned a very valuable life lesson from Mr. Knappert. As a student, I was an outspoken smart mouth kid. He put up with me as he calmly went through the topic of that day of class. I enjoyed talking to him in a give and take manner. So, one exchange had to do with public school and I retorted to one of his statements, "why would you be concerned about our schools, as you do not have any children in school?" His reply to me hit me like a brick to the chest. He said "well I have you in school, that is why I care about the schools" That statement just struck me and knocked me off my feet psychologically. I just sat there looking at him trying to take in the love that he was expressing to me. As life would have it, I had lost my biological mother as an infant and my father when I was in the fifth grade. I only knew love/care from family members and at the time had no knowledge of or experience with someone that I did not know was concerned for me.

Mr. Knappert was so calm and peaceful, my mouth was no match for him, as he had a real Christian presence that was unmoved by my banter. I did not have much interaction with Mr. Knappert as I grew up and left the Valley for fifty years. My bride and I have returned to Wenatchee and my memories flashback to me as I read the obituaries. So despite that, it has been a long, long time ago that he taught me that life lesson when I saw his picture, it instantly reminded me of how remarkable a man, Christian, and loving way he lived his life. God bless him and his family...

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Ron Bromfield - August 01, 2020 at 12:19 PM