



Andy Kappel Sr

August 18, 1952 - June 23, 2015

Andy Wayne Kappel, Sr.

Andy was born August 18, 1952 to Andrew and Mabel Bischoff Kappel in Ephrata, Washington, where he was the fourth of six children. He was born at the family home, and then transported to the hospital. Andy lost both parents at a young age and was then cared for by Walter and Alice Spies, Alice being his mother's sister.

Growing up, he learned a strong work ethic by working the family farms. In high school he excelled in wrestling and was greatly influenced by his coach, Darrel White. Shortly after graduating in 1971, he enlisted in the United States Armed Forces. He served one year in Oklahoma, and six years in Frankfurt, Germany. During his time of service he was awarded a Good Conduct Medal as well as a National Defense Service Medal. During that time he became a father to Rebecca and Andy, Jr. In April of 1981, he retired from the service and began employment in the agricultural industry. Andy enjoyed spending time with his children, especially in the outdoors. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, reloading and reminiscing about the old farm days.

In February 1998, at a Royal City wrestling tournament, he reconnected with a childhood friend. Upon which, they began dating. On April 2, 1999 he married Deby Cole. He loved spending time with his ever-growing family, especially doting on his sixteen grandchildren.

Andy was preceded in death by his parents Andrew and Mabel Bischoff

Kappel; adoptive parents Walter and Alice Bischoff Spies; brothers Delbert Kappel, Jimmy Dean Kappel, Sisters Delilah Miller and Peggy Weed. He is survived by his loving wife, Deby; his sister Sheri Mallory and her husband Jim; daughter Rebecca and her daughter Hannah; son Andy Jr., wife Heather, and their children Kailer, Lily, and Jonathan; stepson Chad, wife Jaycie and their children Trace, Brooklyn, Brenton, and Hallie; stepson James, wife Rebecca and their children Natalie, Valerie, Shelby, and Brittney; stepdaughter Shana, husband Todd, and their children Garrett, Lauren, Ella, and Preston.

Viewing will be held from 9 to 9:45 a.m., Friday, June 26, 2015 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Warden Chapel followed by funeral services at 10 a.m. with Bishop Curtis Cole, officiating. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Andy led a wonderful life and will greatly missed.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

9934 Road U SE
Warden, WA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (PT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - Warden Chapel
1017 S. County Rd.
Warden, WA

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Andy, I only recently found out you were no longer here, an I couldn't help but cry for awhile. I think the last time I spoke to you was about 15 years ago when I called you on the phone. I am so sorry I didn't get to say goodbye. Thank you, for always being so sweet to me, you were family, you were like a cousin, a friend, or a brother that I never had. I hope you know I loved you like a like a brother. Until we meet again. Love Bonnie Gow (formerly Spies)

Bonnie Gow - December 22, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ Sara Jones Montgomery lit a candle in memory of Andy Kappel Sr



Sara Jones Montgomery - June 27, 2015 at 12:03 AM



“ Deby I'm so sorry to hear about the passing of Andy. I remember our High School days that he always had that big smile, such a character and always so kind. He will be missed dearly. My deepest sympathies to you and family. Your in my thoughts.



Sandy (Hardy) Allred

Sandra (Hardy) Allred - June 26, 2015 at 04:43 PM

ES

“ Our deepest sympathies & we are thinking of you Debbie & Andy's family. He was such a character and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Ed & Paula Stout - June 25, 2015 at 10:34 PM

DC

“ Denise Cipriano lit a candle in memory of Andy Kappel Sr



Denise Cipriano - June 25, 2015 at 07:19 PM

RD

“ Ruth Kurkowski Dasch lit a candle in memory of Andy Kappel Sr



Ruth Kurkowski Dasch - June 25, 2015 at 09:43 AM

MS

“ Mary-Ellen Spier lit a candle in memory of Andy Kappel Sr



Mary-Ellen Spier - June 25, 2015 at 06:45 AM

SB

“ We called him, Candy Apple growing up! He also became my brother-in-law! Never had an enemy and became a genuine friend to anyone who took the time to know him! He will be sorely missed!

Sharon Buck - June 24, 2015 at 05:10 PM

LR

Deby, I just saw that Andy has passed and I want you and your family to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lila Reeder - June 26, 2015 at 02:58 PM

DE

I was just checking up on the news in Washington and saw that Andy had passed. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I treasured you and Andy so much and think of you both often. He always had such an easy manner about him, making it easy to talk with him and to be around him. I know everyone will miss him greatly, especially you. Love you both much.

Dorothy Kienzle Eppich - Georgia

Dorothy Kienzle Eppich - June 27, 2015 at 07:49 PM