



## Darrel "Smokey" Kisler

October 27, 1944 - June 13, 2025

Darrel Stephen Kisler passed away on June 13, 2025, at Sacred Heart Hospital, Spokane, with loving family by his bedside. Memorial services will be held at the Warden Community Church on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 11:00 am, and graveside burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Warden.

Darrel was born on October 27, 1944, in Ritzville, Washington, the last of five children born to Clarence and Erna (Rauter) Kisler. Darrel went to school all twelve years at Warden and graduated from high school in 1962. He continued his education at Columbia Basin College and Kinman Business University earning a degree in accounting. Darrel worked several years in the accounting field and as Petroleum Supervisor for Cenex before returning home to farm with his family and worked for Doug and Sandi Berg Farms for twenty years.

Darrel married his high school sweetheart Jacquelyn Schultz in 1965. From this marriage two sons were born, Todd Stephen in 1967 and Scott Craig in 1969. In 1977 he married Patricia McQuesten from Sunnyside, Washington. From this marriage three more children were born, Randall James in 1979, Brian Darrel in 1980, and Katie Renae in 1985.

Darrel's favorite hobby was working with livestock, helping 4-H and FFA kids taking animals to the county fairs. He was a 4-H livestock leader, served on

the Grant County fair livestock sale committee, and was a member on the Grant County Fair Board. Starting with 1976 when Todd first joined 4-H, he has had either children or grand children take animals to the fair every year. In later years he enjoyed watching Gonzaga and WSU Women's Basketball and was a lifelong supporter of all Warden Athletics. Darrel learned to weld and made over 120 metal lawn ornaments for family and friends.

Darrel's dream early in life was that his parents owned a cattle ranch in the mountains somewhere, instead of a dryland farm near Warden. Before he was old enough to drive tractors on the farm, he spent his summers riding horses on his uncle Roy's ranch. In the mid 1950's, his uncle Roy sold his Frenchman Hills place and irrigated units around Warden were purchased. This ended his dream and he settled for his second choice, farming.

Darrel is survived by his wife Patricia Kisler, Warden, one sister, Sylvia Butler, Spokane, one sister-in-law, Loretta Kisler, Yakima, one brother, Dennis Kisler, Houston Texas, three sons, Todd (Nila) Kisler, Burbank, Scott (Lorinda Howard) Kisler, Warden, and Brian (Ashley) Kisler, Warden, one daughter Katie (Adam) Jensen, Warden, eighteen grandchildren and thirty-one great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Erna, son Randall, and two brothers, Howard and Wesley, sister-in-law, Sandra, brother-in-law, Rod Butler and one great-grandson, Jesse Ranstrom.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his name to: PAWS Warden Ag Boosters at P.O. Box 2283, Warden, WA 98857.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Gardens

9934 Road U SE  
Warden, WA

# Previous Events

## Funeral

JUL 1. 11:00 AM (PT)

Warden Community Church  
201 W. 3rd Street  
Warden, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Kayser's Chapel of Memories created a Tribute Video in memory of Darrel "Smokey" Kisler*



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**Kayser's Chapel of Memories** - July 02, 2025 at 01:00 PM

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“ *Larry Rauter lit a candle in memory of Darrel Kisler*



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**Larry Rauter** - June 21, 2025 at 10:11 PM

DB

“ *Smokey was very special to our family, really more like family. He was a great friend and valued employee. He was always early to work so we could visit and get the day planned out. One of his best traits was that he was always so pleasant and friendly...don't think he ever met a stranger. He will be greatly missed. Prayers to the family. Doug & Sandi Berg*

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**Doug and Sandi Berg** - June 18, 2025 at 06:29 PM

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*My first year raising hogs i had no clue what I was doing. Smokey checked on my project animals many time that first year and mentored me. Smokey was always kind and will be missed.*

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**Alex Rupprecht** - June 20, 2025 at 02:54 AM

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“ *Smokey was always willing to help out with our kids when it came to raising pigs. He would help us pick out just the right one, offer advice with a feeding plan and gave words of encouragement when it came to showing.*

*If I ever needed guidance when dealing with the livestock booster Smokey would be the person I usually ended up calling. During those conversations we always ended up talking about a million other things, always enjoyed those talks. He was a true blessing and will be greatly missed.*

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**Ann Marks** - June 18, 2025 at 05:12 PM

KC

*Smokey was a cattleman, and he as always helping the Warden Future Farmers of America with their cattle projects. His service to the young people of the Warden community will be greatly missed but lives on in all of us.*

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**Karen (Beehner) Carrington** - June 23, 2025 at 04:53 PM