



## Frederick "Fritz" John Kliphardt

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Frederick (Fritz) John Kliphardt, 89, of Moses Lake, WA passed away from cancer, on October 28th, 2024 at the Lakeshore West Residential Care facility in Moses Lake, WA.

Fritz was born in Walla Walla, Washington in 1935 to his parents, George Wesley (Wes) Kliphardt and Esther Rose Kliphardt. His younger brother Charles (Chuck) Wesley Kliphardt was born in 1937. The family of four made their home on a wheat farm just outside of Othello, Washington. Fritz attended Othello Schools from 1941 until his high school graduation in 1953. After graduation he attended JM Perry Institute to study mechanics. Shortly after, he enlisted in the Army, where he served in Germany from 1957 to 1959.

In 1961 he met and married Judy June Prefontaine. They were married for 13 years and had 3 children, Lena Rose Kliphardt (Hunt), John Paul Kliphardt, and Kathleen Marie Kliphardt (Bilodeaux).

In 1976 Fritz married Deona (Dee) Lee Adams. From their relationship, Fritz welcomed Dee's three daughters into the family, Cheryn Rehfeld (Castro), Cindy Rehfeld (Spytex), and Kim Rehfeld. In 1984 Fritz and Dee adopted four

sisters, Deeanna Kliphardt (Homi), Christina Kliphardt (Shaffer), Theresa Kliphardt, and Grace Kliphardt. Sadly Dee passed away from cancer in 1988.

In 1996 Fritz married Leslie Christina (Nelson) Kliphardt. They remained married until his death. As a result of their marriage he had added numerous stepchildren and grandchildren.

Fritz was a very kind soft spoken man, who loved his family deeply. His faith was a top priority in his life. He was passionate about farming and was very dedicated to his community. His farming the family farm spanned from 1961 to 1985. He worked a dryland farm into a deep well circle irrigation farm. Fritz sold the farm in 1985 but continued working in industrial sales until his retirement in 2000. He supported his Warden community by serving on the City council for 5 years and was a Warden Municipal Court Judge for 12 years. He was instrumental in setting up the Warden Historical Society. He was also an active and key member at the Grant County Historical Society. His dedication to the Masonic Lodge was a family tradition, he followed in the footsteps of his father Wesley Kliphardt. He was active in the Othello and Moses Lake Lodge.

Fritz was preceded in death by his mother Esther, father Wes, brother Chuck and wife Dee. He is survived by daughter Lena (Earl) Hunt, son John (Dianne) Kliphardt, daughter Kathleen (Rob) Bilodeaux, daughter Cheryn (Ray) Castro, daughter Cindy (Danny) Spytex, daughter Kim Rehfeld, daughter Deeanna (Shaun) Homi, daughter Christina (Shawn) Shaffer, daughter Theresa Kliphardt, daughter Grace Kliphardt, eighteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

The family invites you to join us in the Celebration of Life for Fritz Kliphardt on Saturday November 9, 2024, 11:00AM at Kayser's Chapel, 831 S. Pioneer

Way, Moses Lake, Washington.

# Cemetery Details

## **Bess Hampton Memorial Gardens**

Cemetery Road  
Othello, WA

# Previous Events

## **Celebration of Life**

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories  
831 S. Pioneer Way  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

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“ Tracy Woodruff lit a candle in memory of Frederick "Fritz" Kliphardt



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**Tracy Woodruff** - December 30, 2024 at 10:26 AM

MP

“ Michele Woodruff Peters lit a candle in memory of Frederick "Fritz" Kliphardt



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**Michele Woodruff Peters** - December 26, 2024 at 03:11 PM

MW

“ Michael Woodruff lit a candle in memory of Frederick "Fritz" Kliphardt



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**Michael Woodruff** - December 12, 2024 at 07:25 AM

 Monica  
Marshall

“Freddie,” as my grandmother calls him, gave me lots of advice over the years I got to know him. The most memorable was shortly after I married my husband. He said, “the first year of marriage, you only have obligations to each other. Not to family or holidays. Just each other. Enjoy that time.”

*My own ideas and goals for my relationship with my husband is influenced by how my grandfather lived his life and I am so thankful to have that. You are loved and missed on this earth, never forgotten and may your place in heaven reflect the lives you touched here.*

*May peace find the hearts of those that are also mourning this loss.*

*Leslie’s Granddaughter, Monica (Woodruff) Marshall and Family*

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**Monica Marshall** - November 08, 2024 at 11:03 PM