



Joe Donovan

March 18, 1938 - August 14, 2021

Joe Donovan, longtime Moses Lake community member, passed away recently after a long battle with cancer. He was 83.

Joe was born in Texas in 1938, part of a family of eight children.

He joined the U.S. Air Force, spent 18 months in the Azores and eventually was stationed at Larson Air Force Base in Moses Lake.

While stationed there, he met Evelyn West, the love of his life.

The two married five months after their first date and were married for more than 61 years.

Joe spent many years driving truck, including 27 years with Best Way Motor Freight, 15 years with Food Services of America and 15 years with Insta Stor. Joe loved camping, fishing, being outdoors and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife Evelyn; his son Dave (Sherry); his daughter Donna (Ron); his grandchildren Scott, Briana (Brent), Jessica (Jake) and Sean (Megan); and his great-grandchildren Carter and Eli.

His family wants to thank the Counsells, the Hirsts, Marian Spencer, Kathy and Dan Cruz, the Cragheads, Pastor Conrado and the United Methodist Church family, Dr. Julie Smith and her team at Confluence Health and the team at Assured Hospice for their support.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to Assured Hospice, 1417 South Pioneer Way, Moses Lake, or a charity of your choice.

Graveside service will be on 9/11/2021 at 1pm at Guarding Angels Cemetery located at 2595 Road L N.E. Moses Lake, Wa.

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.
Moses Lake, WA 98837
(509) 765-7848

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 11. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

AP

“ Evelyn and Family, <https://www.kayserschapel.com/obituaries/Joe-Donovan/#!/Obituary>

My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you during this difficult time. I know that Joe is in heaven and looking down on all of you and saying I am still here for you but just in a different place. Look to the stars and know he is there. We enjoyed having you and Joe attend church here in Royal City. It was always a pleasure to see your smiling faces. We miss you. With Love, Alice Parker

Alice Parker - September 08, 2021 at 11:56 AM

KH

“ I grew up as neighbors and good friends with Joe, Eve, Dave and Donna. Our families spent years camping together, water skiing and Joe coached our bowling and our softball teams. They are like family and I have such great memories of all our years spent having fun together. Joe was a great person and will be so missed. My love goes out to Evelyn, Donna, Dave and the rest of the family.

Kris Heppner

Kris Heppner - September 02, 2021 at 10:13 PM



“ I so enjoyed getting to know & become friends with Joe & Evelyn. I will miss his visits to our office & the kindness he always showed me.



Rest in Peace Joe. You are & always will be truly missed by everyone who knew you.

*Hugs to Evelyn and all of Joe's family!
Kelly*

Kelly Oscarson - August 31, 2021 at 03:45 PM

TB

“ Sincere condolences to your family Dave. I remember your father as a Class act! 🙏

Todd Bohne - August 27, 2021 at 09:50 PM

TB

“ Todd Bohne lit a candle in memory of Joe Donovan



Todd Bohne - August 27, 2021 at 09:45 PM

FG

“ Evelyn, David, Donna and family,

Joe retired as a driver for a large company & I needed a driver, so I called Joe to see if he wanted to drive for Boyd and me, he said ok but maybe 1 or 2 days a week is all. So after 15 years pretty much full time, he decided to retire. He was a wonderful employee, a great guy, and a good friend. I am so sorry for your loss.

Love & Hugs, Fran Grant

Fran Grant - August 27, 2021 at 02:26 PM

JS

*Evelyn and family,
I enjoyed working with Joe at FSA and eating breakfast at Bob's cafe on Tuesdays and Fridays. We loved playing pinnacle with you guys. Joe was one amazing guy. We miss him but never will forget him. Much love and prayers for the family
David and Jennie Snegosky❤️.*

jennie Snegosky - September 01, 2021 at 11:19 PM

IS

He was such a supporter for our kids and took time traveling with the bowlers. A great guy, with a great family. My deepest sympathy to you all.

Ila Simpson

Ila Simpson - September 10, 2021 at 10:10 PM