



John Shipley

October 30, 1948 - January 23, 2019

Our Dad, John Raymond Shipley, was born October 30, 1948 in Montrose, CO, to parents Theodore Ray Shipley and Dolores Rita Shipley. His family moved to Warden, WA, in the early 1950's to begin their farming career in the Columbia Basin. He grew up with siblings Reta and David Shipley playing with neighbors and BB guns, stirring up a good time and sometimes a little trouble! Dad's father passed away at a very young age. This made Dad, as the eldest sibling, a loving protector. His quick wit and tender heart helped to support his family through difficult times. Dad started work with Asgrow Seed Company in 1969, and so began his passion for farming as well as people. The company changed hands multiple times, but Dad never wavered and celebrated his retirement this past July with some reticence as he took pride in being "not your ordinary" field man. He wanted to be and was a champion for his growers. With remarkable care, compassion, and integrity, he conducted his business with each grower, good friend, and Bob's Coffee Shop buddy. Dad worked to impart real knowledge to those he had the pleasure of training in his field, and those men, too, will have a piece of him in their hearts forever. His REAL heart shown through for all to see and those that knew him loved him. BUT... no one loved him as much as his Blondie. Dad met Mary Jones, and after she caught on to his quick wit and went on few rides in his hot rod Camaro, they married in November of 1970 and their adventure began! The two were a team and adventure they did! Travelling the world together, they made memories that will live on forever. The tables turned in early 1986 when

they gave birth to Dad's Princess, Jordan Shipley, and many peashooter fights and wit wars would ensue. A few short years later, Dad was lucky to deliver his miracle son, Brody Shipley, right in his pickup truck in the middle of the freeway. A common kind, gentle nature made them fast pals, and their mutual love of trucks, cars, and guns only grew over the years.

Five years ago, he was blessed with his first grandchild Jayden Eve Shipley. They formulated a language of their very own; her charm and Dad's quirk made for endless entertainment with her beloved Papa.

Dad left us early January 23, 2019. He was home with his brave, hard-loving wife by his side. We will miss him, love him, and banter with him in heaven forever.

John is preceded in death by his mother Dolores Shipley, father Theodore Shipley, grandmother Mary Medley, father-in-law Clarence Jones and mother-in-law Joyce Maslen. He is survived by his wife Mary Shipley, daughter Jordan Shipley, son Brody Shipley, Princess-in-the-Making granddaughter Jayden Shipley, brother David Shipley, sister-in-law Pamela Shipley, a sister Reta Shipley, brother-in-law Johnny Jones, sister-in-law Julie Jones and many loving nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at the ATEC Building (1800 Building) at Big Bend Community College. Interment will be in Guarding Angels Cemetery. Please sign the online guestbook or share a memory with family at www.kayserschapel.com Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

Directions to ATEC Building:

If heading North on HWY 17 take Patton Blvd exit, turn left on Bolling St. to the 1800 Building.

If heading South on HWY 17, turn left onto Randolph Road, turn left onto Patton Blvd, turn right onto Bolling St to 1800 Building.

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Service

JAN 29. 2:00 PM (PT)

Big Bend Community College ATEC Building 1800
Library & Grant County Advanced Technologies Education Center
Moses Lake, WA 98837

Tribute Wall

BA

“ *Bobbe Armstrong lit a candle in memory of John Shipley*



Bobbe Armstrong - February 02, 2019 at 04:46 PM

 Cari
Marey
Dillon

“ *Cari Marey Dillon lit a candle in memory of John Shipley*



Cari Marey Dillon - January 30, 2019 at 06:01 PM

DD

“ *Mary and family, may God Bless you with peace and strength for your family, in the passing of John, God Bless! The DeBeaumonts Greg, Donna, and family's*



Donna DeBeaumont - January 28, 2019 at 10:46 PM

BT

“ *Sending all of you our thoughts and prayers. Love, Ken & Brandy Tucker*



Brandy Tucker - January 28, 2019 at 09:21 PM

WF

“ *Wurzer Family lit a candle in memory of John Shipley*



Wurzer Family - January 28, 2019 at 08:20 PM

MS

Prayers. The Stahl families

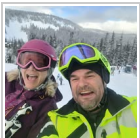
Mike Stahl - January 29, 2019 at 02:23 PM

SE

“ *Thoughts and Prayers to Johns family.
John and I were best of friends in the 1st and 2nd grade in school. I attended a couple different schools the next couple of years, came back to Warden and in 1965 moved to Moses Lake and graduated there. Never saw John again until the 50th class reunion. Had a chance to visit with him a bit there. Mary, I do not remember ever meeting you but have a share this with you. John and I, with our love of the old west TV shows and our cowboy lunch pales were going to move out West when we grew up. Who knew we were already there?*

Steve Emery.

Steven Emery - January 28, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your families loss.*



Garret Quinn - January 28, 2019 at 06:15 PM

SG

“ *Mary Eve & Family. Please accept my condolences with the passing of John. You are in my thoughts & prayers.*

Sally Goodwin - January 28, 2019 at 05:11 PM

SK

“ *Susan Kelly lit a candle in memory of John Shipley*



Susan Kelly - January 28, 2019 at 04:03 PM

SK

“ *We are saddened by your loss. John will remain in my memory as a very special person.*

Jim and Susan Kelly



Susan Kelly - January 28, 2019 at 03:59 PM

JL

“ *Joan (Thaden) Lobie lit a candle in memory of John Shipley*



Joan (Thaden) Lobie - January 28, 2019 at 01:13 PM

JL

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Joan (Thaden Lobie - January 28, 2019 at 01:12 PM

WY

“ *Wyn lit a candle in memory of John Shipley*



Wyn - January 28, 2019 at 01:06 PM

RD

“ *Rebecca Dayley lit a candle in memory of John Shipley*



Rebecca Dayley - January 28, 2019 at 11:27 AM

TS

“ *Theda Shipley lit a candle in memory of John Shipley*



Theda Shipley - January 28, 2019 at 02:26 AM

EI

“ *Emma Williams Ibach lit a candle in memory of John Shipley*



Emma Williams Ibach - January 27, 2019 at 07:56 PM

SS

“ *Shirley Williams Schmunk lit a candle in memory of John Shipley*



Shirley Williams Schmunk - January 26, 2019 at 03:58 PM

ST

“ *Mary, we're sorry for your great loss of husband, father, & grandpa. So very proud of John's gentle personality, quiet humor & courage. It was a long time ago, but I smile remembering an attempt of this teenage Aunt in 1950's of "discipline", by washing nephew's mouth out with bar of Lifebuoy soap because of a certain bad word the little rascal insisted on using! Family & friends will miss him so much but will always retain many good memories.*

Aunt Sandra & Uncle Phil Tucker

sondra tucker - January 26, 2019 at 03:30 PM

CV

“ We are so saddened to hear of John's passing. I have many good memories from the years we worked together. Our thoughts and Prayers are with his family. He will be missed. Callie and Myrtle Voss

Callie Voss - January 26, 2019 at 01:32 PM

CV

“ Callie & Myrtle Voss lit a candle in memory of John Shipley



Callie & Myrtle Voss - January 26, 2019 at 01:26 PM

WG

“ Mary, we are so sorry to hear of John's passing. Dale is out of the country but sends his love and prayers. John was always a smile, a happy word, and fun to be around. My boys and Dale have such respect and love your him. He will be missed greatly. You and your family are in our prayers. Dale and Wendy Gies

Wendy Gies - January 26, 2019 at 09:30 AM

LR

“ We were so sorry to hear of John's passing. We are keeping all of the Shipley families in our thoughts and prayers.

Larry & Kirsten Rosenberg

Larry Rosenberg - January 25, 2019 at 11:02 PM

MM

“ Mary, I just learned of John's passing and want to send you our sincere condolences. I am out of town but will be home in time for the service. I have always thought of John as one of the nicest guys you could know. So sorry for your loss, from all the Maslens

MARV & MARY MASLEN - January 25, 2019 at 08:18 PM

HC

“ I can remember skipping school more then a few days putting a 409/4spd. in his beautiful 57 Chevy Bel Air Hardtop.

Harry&Kathy Covert - January 25, 2019 at 08:17 PM

DG

I remember riding in the back seat with Harry in the front passenger seat telling how to speed shift !! John figured it out quick. We we'er on our way out to Lind road to race Young's 55 chev- 401 buick motor. John had studded snow tires on. Every gear he hit sparks flew!! Oh by the way- he won!!!!

Will miss him greatly!! Don Gillespie & Family

Don gillespie - January 26, 2019 at 01:17 AM

 Ronnie Rustman

“ I remember many nights talking with john about cars and him racing his car man I loved to talk to him I loved him I call him and Mary Shipley my second parents

Ronnie Rustman - January 25, 2019 at 07:32 PM

SC

“ *Sheila Colbert lit a candle in memory of John Shipley*



Sheila Colbert - January 25, 2019 at 06:51 PM

MC

“ *Mary and family. I, Marvin, knew John for many years as we both worked in the Ag. industry. John, was a great man and he will be missed terribly. Our deepest sympathies to Mary and their family. Goodbye John, we will miss you forever.*

Marvin and Arlene Craig

Marvin and Arlene Craig - January 25, 2019 at 06:35 PM

BR

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Bonnie Rettkowski - January 25, 2019 at 12:06 PM

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Bonnie Rettkowski - January 25, 2019 at 11:59 AM

JC

“ Jackie Cooper lit a candle in memory of John Shipley



Jackie Cooper - January 25, 2019 at 09:51 AM

JF

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

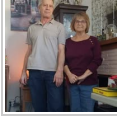


John Fisher - January 24, 2019 at 06:31 PM

MB

So sorry about John, good friend will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary and all the family. Love, Ken and Mary

Mary Bone - January 25, 2019 at 06:50 PM



Mary and family, John was a classmate of mine what a quiet soul he was, I really enjoyed seeing him at our 50th year reunion and talking to him. Lots of love and hugs and prayers coming your way. From the cooper family

Jackie Cooper - January 25, 2019 at 10:31 PM

SB

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you (Mary) and family. John stayed strong and didn't let health challenges prevent him from living his life as well as he could. You were always there to support him. Bless you.

Steve & Kim Benson - January 26, 2019 at 11:33 AM

DB

We are so very sorry for your loss.

Doug & Sandi Berg - January 27, 2019 at 07:22 PM

BJ

Mary and Family, Prayers for all of you John was a good man he will be missed by all. He went to soon, I enjoyed his friendship since 1969.

Bob Trask Jr - January 27, 2019 at 07:55 PM

LS

To Mary and John's family. Jan and I were shocked and saddened to hear of John's passing this past week. I first met John at a production meeting around 1986 when I started my career with Asgrow. I have always appreciated John's agronomic abilities but mostly his quick wit and good nature. He was a great person and friend. Always fun to be around. I will miss him. May God bless you and your family in this difficult time and you are in my prayers.

Lorell Skogsberg - January 28, 2019 at 11:51 AM

BM

Oh Mary, we were so sad to hear of John's death. Hugs to you & your family during this difficult time. Barry & Holly Moos

Barry & Holly Moos - January 29, 2019 at 08:19 PM