



Jose "Joe" Betes

December 21, 1943 - May 7, 2024

Jose (Joe)Antonio Betes, 80, of Moses Lake, WA passed away on May 7, 2024.

Joe was born on December 21, 1943, to Edwardo and Auncia Betes in Undues Pintano, Spain. He was one of 9 children, Alfredo, Filo, Angel, Sebastian, Juaquin, Jesus, Maria, and Miguel.

In October of 1962 Joe and his brother Angel came to America, following their brothers Alfredo, and Sebastian. They landed in Bakersfield, Ca where they were contracted to herd sheep. Joe spent the next 4 years shepherding, herding sheep from Landcaster to Mojave Desert to Mono Lake where he would summer with his brother Angel and his flock, then home again.

In 1966 the 4 brothers went into the sheep business, buying a large herd of 3000 ewes. By 1968 Joe had saved enough money to buy a harrow bed and started his own custom stacking business. In the years to follow he enjoyed competing in harrow bedding competitions and going out dancing. It was on one of those nights at Casa Roma he would meet the love of his life Peggy (Suzy) Anderson, and eventually her daughter Laura.

In March of 1980, Joe, Suzy and Laura started their move to Moses Lake, WA, following his 2 older brothers, Angel and Sebastian, who had moved up 2 years prior to farm. On their way to Washington Joe and Suzy would stop in Reno, NV and elope.

The first year of farming his new crop was destroyed by the ash from the explosion of Mt St Helens. Luckily, he was able to replant and survive a rough

first year. The 3 brothers and their families worked together helping each other on their farms.

On May 18, 1983, they welcomed their first son Joseph Paul Betes.

Then on September 20, 1984, they welcomed their second son Michael Angel Betes.

In June 2012 Joe lost his beloved wife, Suzy to a battle with cancer. That same year his sons, Michael and Joseph would take over the family farm. Even though the sons had taken over, Joe still played a large, vital role in farming and driving equipment until the Spring of 2024.

Joe will be remembered by many as a hard worker, generous, and a doting grandfather who loved and spoiled his grandchildren. He loved farming, hunting, fishing, and Barcelona FC. His smile and laugh were contagious. Joe had a great sense of humor and enjoyed jokingly teasing his friends and family.

Joe is survived by his sons, Joseph and Michael, his daughter, Laura, and his grandchildren, Anna, Andy, Aden, Sydney, Adelina, Ava and Matias.

A celebration of life is planned for Joe on May 17, 2024, at White Trail Grange at 2pm.

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 17. 2:00 PM (PT)

White Trail Grange
3392 Road 5 NW
Ephrata, WA 98823

Tribute Wall

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“ *So sad to hear of Joe's passing. He will always be remembered with a smile* ”

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