



Kirby J. Messer

May 13, 1965 - July 6, 2010

Kirby J. Messer, 45, Moses Lake resident passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at home surrounded by his loving family and friends. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 A.M., Monday, July 12, 2010 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church with Father Felipe Pulido officiating.

Kirby Jerome Messer was born on May 13, 1965 in Princeton Minnesota. He is the youngest of three children born to Jerome and Lucille Messer.

He moved to Moses Lake in 1973, where he attended grade and middle school,. He then moved to Royal City in his Junior year of High School and graduated at the top of his class from Royal City High School in 1983.

After graduation, Kirby attended Columbia Basin Community College in the Tri-Cities, and graduated with his Associates of Arts Degree in Carpentry and Building Technology in 1985. He then moved back to Moses Lake where he worked at various carpentry and finishing jobs before he became employed at Union Carbide on April 18, 1991, which later became Asimi , and is now known as REC, where he became an Advanced Engineering Designer.

He had many passions in his life and was meticulous in everything he did. His number one passion was his family, and loved being with his boys first and foremost. He taught and shared his love for the outdoors, in hunting, fishing,

while still making time to get to every sports or school event. Kirby made it a point to spend time with his brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews and always thanked his mother for the great meals she made for him. (MOM... I LIKE YOU)

Kirby was an avid hunter, both rifle and bow, hunting bear, deer, and elk, with his most exciting hunt the year he drew a mountain goat tag. He had a way of describing his hunting adventures in such detail that you could swear you were there sweating and doing all of the work with him. He shared his hunts with his father, brother, good friend, Dan, cousins, and other friends. He also delighted in doing the fine art of taxidermy on his trophy hunts. Kirby also enjoyed many rides on his motorcycle with family and friends. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge of Moses Lake, he served on the board of the Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation, he was a MLHS Football Booster, a member of the NRA, actively supported Our House in Wenatchee, and continued fundraising for cancer support with the Kirby Derby.

Kirby met Lori Gettings in the 6th grade, dated again in High School, and later reconnected after college, where he ran into her while she was working at Samaritan Hospital and he was onsite for a construction job. He often mentioned that one of the best moments of his life, was when he ran into her again. They married on August 11, 1989 and added to their lives with 3 sons, Braden (21), Colton (18), and Hunter (13).

He was loved and appreciated more in his 45 years than most people are in their whole lives. He made it a point to tell people that he was thankful and grateful for what they did for him and tried to pay it forward whenever he could. He loved people and accepted them as they were. He tried to see the positive side of a people and situations. His laugh was profoundly heartfelt and genuine.

He is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Lori, and their three sons, Braden, Colton and Hunter, his parents, Jerome and Lucy Messer of Moses Lake, his brother Kelly Messer (Pennie) of Moses Lake, his sister, Kathy Messer Erickson of Moses Lake, (Wade), Joseph Gettings (Annette) of Renton, WA, Barbara Gettings (Doug) of Los Banos, CA, James Gettings (April) of Moses Lake, Liz Price (Bob) of Roseburg, OR. His nieces are Cassandra, Nicole, Courtney, Haley, Brooke, and nephews are Caleb, Kasey, Zach, Kurrick, and Julien. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Gail Gettings.

Special Mention: Dan Nelson , Ben Getz (office wife), Bill Weech, for their friendship, adventures, and laughter. Kirby considered them to be brothers and often referred to them as (brothers from another mother). And to Hunter (HEY BABY).

The family would like to acknowledge special thanks to Dr. Dennis Kearns, Annie Anderson, Dr. Mandy Robertson, Father Felipe Pulido, Carlene Cardon, Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation of Moses Lake, Our House in Wenatchee, WA, Jennifer from Hospice, and most appreciated was the community of Moses Lake, who donated their time, energy, love and support in Kirby's journey through his illness.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations to be made to the Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 337, Moses Lake, WA 98837. Please sign the online book or leave a note for the family at www.kayserchapel.com , and /or kirbymesserfoundation.webs.com.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Mass of Christian Burial)
200 N. Dale Rd
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ So young, but God has a vision we cannot fathom and my heart breaks for the family. Lori and boys and my good friend Kathy, truly I am sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Sharon "Rogers"and Jeff Zornes##imported-end##

September 19, 2010 at 02:32 PM



“ Dear Lori & family,
We both want to extend to you and your's our deepest sympathy. We know that Kirby had been sick for a long time and now he suffers no more, he is at peace.
Sorry we didn't write you a note earlier, but we were in Illinois when he passed away.
God Bless All of You, David & Pat Ledbetter##imported-begin##David & Pat Ledbetter##imported-end##

July 29, 2010 at 11:26 PM



“ When you are thinking of Kirby in heaven;at those moments, he is thinking of you. Lori and boys, Gods strength and love be with you.##imported-begin##Kim Baltzell##imported-end##

July 14, 2010 at 02:37 PM



“ My prayers go out to you Lori, boys and family. I pray for you to find comfort and strength during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Deanna##imported-end##

July 14, 2010 at 02:36 PM



“ oh, Messer Family, please know how sorry we are. thinking of you all, at this time. Bless you all.##imported-begin##Darwin & Linda Beehner##imported-end##

July 11, 2010 at 08:58 PM



“ Dear Lori and Boys. We have many fond memories of Kirby. He was a good man and a good friend. We will miss him greatly. We are very sorry but we will not be able to attend the funeral tomorrow. Our daughter Emily is leaving the country for a year and we have to get her to Seatac for her flight. We will be with you in spirit and in prayer. My God bring comfort and peace to your family.##imported-begin##Paul and Diane Dufault##imported-end##

July 11, 2010 at 06:56 PM



“ Lori, when you married Kirby 20 years ago, he was my brother in law, but over the past 20 years he became my brother. I loved him very much and I will miss him greatly. I am especially going to miss his smile and his laughter. Kirby always made family get together more fun.

*I am so proud of you, your strength is inspiring. With all my love
Barbara##imported-begin##Barbara Gettings##imported-end##*

July 09, 2010 at 09:34 PM



“ We wish you all peace and the ability to recall joyful times as you journey through these difficult ones.##imported-begin##The Robillards##imported-end##

July 09, 2010 at 11:10 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. He was a very loving and caring person. He will be missed dearly.##imported-begin##Nina Gonzales##imported-end##

July 09, 2010 at 01:38 AM



“ My prayers go out to all of the family and friends who are mourning the passing of such a great man. I was honored to be a part of his life, and learn about what a involved person he was in the community, as well as with family and friends. Although I only knew Kirby for a short time, he made a lasting impression on me, and will never be forgotten. May you all find comfort in your wonderful memories. You will remain in my prayers at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jennifer##imported-end##

July 08, 2010 at 09:49 PM



“ We send our love and prayers to you Lori and your precious sons. We are impressed with your amazing husband's obituary history. What a man! He sounds like the kind of man all should be...caring, loving, lifting others and serving. Your sons were given the blessing of having a most wonderful father and you a choice and loving husband. One day my sweet friend...all will be well. Love, Deanna and Ned##imported-begin##Ned and Deanna Hirz##imported-end##

July 08, 2010 at 05:53 PM



“ Lori & family, We are praying for you and your family during this most difficult time. Thoughts and prayers to you all. The staff at Northland Cable Television##imported-begin##Northland Cable Television Staff##imported-end##

July 07, 2010 at 08:44 PM



“ Lori and Family, Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all in this difficult time of your lives. Kirby will be surely missed. Randy and Chris Koon and Family##imported-begin##Randy and Chris Koon##imported-end##

July 07, 2010 at 08:41 PM



“ Our thoughts go out to the entire family of Kirby during this time of loss.
Gene & Bonnie##imported-begin##Gene & Bonnie Polhamus##imported-end##

July 07, 2010 at 07:13 PM



“ Kathy & Family -
My love and prayers go out to you and your family during this time of loss. Kirby was a kind soul and made the world a better place to live in!##imported-begin##Debbie Pfeifer##imported-end##

July 07, 2010 at 04:14 PM



“ *Lori and family...My heart goes out to you at this most difficult time. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Teresa Hamilton##imported-end##*

July 07, 2010 at 03:46 PM