



Dick Allen Kinart

January 23, 1939 - May 17, 2016

Richard Allen Kinart passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by family on May 17th at the age of 77.

Dick was born on January 23, 1939 in Dunlap, Iowa. He graduated from Washougal High School in 1957 and later attended Central Washington University, where he played football and earned his Master's degree. He began his career in education as a teacher at Waitsburg, Washington. He then became an administrator at Newport, Oregon, Tumwater, Washington and Ephrata. Before retirement he served as a superintendent for eleven years with the Ephrata School District.

Dick was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, and sports. He will always be remembered as an unselfish, caring person, who encouraged others to strive to reach their own potential.

Dick is survived by his wife, Andrea Kinart of Moses Lake. His daughters are Heidi Bazaldua (Ben), and Holly Swem (Steve), plus six grandchildren, Brett Bazaldua (Kelsey), Brianna Bazaldua, Brooke Bazaldua, Brennen Bazaldua, Kaden Kolves, and Kyler Kolves. A private service for immediate family was conducted on Saturday, May 21st at the Community Evangelical Free Church in Soap Lake.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Ephrata School District in care of Dan Martell.

Comments



“ It is with much sadness, learning of the passing of Dick, and my heart goes out with great sympathy to the entire Kinart family and my thoughts are with you. His passing is a huge loss to so many people, as he was such a dynamic person and talented educator; one of the best of the best.

Dick was 3 years ahead of me in school. When I returned to school after being out for awhile with polio, Dick sort of led a bunch of upper classmen that watched over me, as there were a few in the school who liked to pick on people. Dick made it very clear that if they picked on me, they would have to deal with him, and not many people wanted to go through that kind of action. He was that type of person, and will be missed by all.

Louie Munch: WHS Class of '60

Louie Munch - July 05, 2016 at 03:15 PM



“ Just heard of Mr Kinart's passing. To Mrs. Kinart and Family, I extend my heartfelt sympathies.

Holly, I knew you best. Please know that I am thinking of you. I'm sure my sons will, also, as I share the sad news.

Bette Wyman - June 07, 2016 at 12:35 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He was a wonderful man and leader of our school district. He first hired me as a teacher at Ephrata Middle School and then as principal of Columbia Ridge. I owe him so much! Dick was a very respected principal and superintendent, an example of a leader who made decisions based on what was best for kids. He had such a vision for the Ephrata School District by initiating the plan to remodel all the schools and build a new high school. He brought together community leaders and through their support, the bond passed the first time. The schools and the staff he inspired are such a legacy for him! Within our administrative group, his nickname was "the Captain." Dick clearly left his mark on the Ephrata School District. My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this sad time.
Debbie Beaudry

Debbie Beaudry - May 21, 2016 at 09:28 AM