



David Kemp Billingsley

March 27, 1942 - July 5, 2019

David Kemp Billingsley, age 77, lost his battle with leukemia on Friday, July 5th, and went to be with his Savior, Jesus Christ. He was at his home in Palisades, WA, surrounded by his wife Charlotte, their two children and spouses, and all five grandchildren. David was born in 1942 to Robert Edward Billingsley and Roxanne Cornelia Billingsley (later Viebrock). He grew up spending the school years with his mother and stepfather, Richard Viebrock at their farm near Waterville and summers at the Billingsley Ranch with his dad and stepmother, Helen. A ranch site had been discovered by Dave's father in 1929. Robert (Bob) and his sister Bessie were returning to their home in Wenatchee after a dance in Soap Lake and decided to travel through Moses Coulee. Bob was fascinated by the beauty of Moses Coulee, and soon found a way to purchase the property which became Billingsley Ranch. Dave and Charlotte met at WSU. The couple was married in 1966. They lived in San Jose, CA for a year where Dave worked as an engineer for FMC before returning to the ranch for good in the

spring of 1967.

He has remained active and filled leadership roles in work-related organizations such as the

Cattlemen's Association and Country Natural Beef, as well as the Community Church of Ephrata,

whose members have served as an extended family to the Billingsleys. When time away from the

ranch was possible, the family enjoyed boating, camping, and trips to concerts and cultural events.

Once grandchildren were part of their lives, they made it a priority to attend many of their sporting events, concerts, and activities.

Dave is survived by his wife Charlotte, children Brent (Ronda) Billingsley and Sheila (Tim) Massey

of Ephrata, grandchildren Kristi, Karen, and Justin Billingsley, and Heidi and Isaac Massey; sisters

Jean (Paul) Evanson of Bellingham; Jessie (Earl) Overman of Quincy; and many nieces, nephews and

their families. He is preceded in death by his parents, stepparents, and brother Steve (Deanna).

Services will be held at the Community Church of Ephrata on Saturday, July 20th at 11:00 AM.

Previous Events

Service

JUL **20**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Community Church of Ephrata
54 K Street SE
Ephrata, WA 98823

Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry to hear Mr. Billingsley passed away. My heartfelt condolences to his family. T. Yeakey

Tammy Yeakey - April 04, 2024 at 12:44 AM

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“ I served with Dave on the Douglas County Rural Lands Committee many years ago. Dave always brought thoughtfulness, kindness and clear concern to the table on all aspects of Douglas County. It was a pleasure knowing him, Charlotte and Brent.
Arthur Foster

Arthur Foster - January 20, 2020 at 05:12 PM

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“ Always remembered your kind family Charlotte. So sorry for your loss.

Nadine & Rod Sauvage

Nadine Sauvage - July 25, 2019 at 08:39 PM

WH

“ I had heard of the Billingsley Ranch for years. I had driven through the ranch when going to/from Wenatchee/Ephrata via the Palisades. Last year I had the privilege of visiting with the Billingsleys when attending Tall Timber Camp. It was an honor to meet such a sweet, gentle couple. Mr. Billingsley will be sorely missed. May the family know the comfort of the future reunion. God Bless.
Wanda Holloway

Wanda Holloway - July 20, 2019 at 11:05 AM

GS

“ Carol and I would like to extend our thoughts and prayers to Charlotte and family for their loss. While passing ends a life, it does not end a relationship. Our memories of Dave include his warm and engaging smile, his sense of humor, his deep commitment to his faith, family and friends, and his love of the outdoors, ranching and farming. Dave's guiding principles were based in faith and strong core values, He served as a model for doing what was right because it was the right thing to do. We will miss him greatly, but never forget the positive impact he had on our lives and many lives he touched with his kindness and warmth. Gene and Carol Sharratt

Gene Sharratt - July 15, 2019 at 07:40 PM

LJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. We bought an Airstream from Dave and Charlotte a few years ago. We visited and shared stories of school board experiences. Afterwards Dave would find a part or a key and give a call every now and then. He'd stop by my office for a visit. I loved his down home style and looked forward to his visits. He was a man of character who reminded me very much of my grandfather. He will be missed.
Laura Jaecks

Laura Jaecks - July 15, 2019 at 01:08 AM