



David Kenneth Kephart

April 4, 1943 - April 3, 2013

David Kenneth Kephart of Ephrata, Washington passed away on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, the day before his 70th birthday. He was born to Louis Kenneth and Daisy Viola (Carlton) Kephart at St. Luke's Hospital in Spokane, Washington on April 4, 1943. He graduated from Chelsea High School in Chelsea, Michigan. David attended Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho. While going to college he taught accordion lessons to students in the Treasure Valley and worked for Al's Cleaning Services. David graduated from Northwest Nazarene College with a bachelor's degree in music education. On July 2, 1965; David married Bonnie Faye Hill in Caldwell, Idaho. They began their married life in Nampa, Idaho until 1966 when he began his long career teaching music for the Spokane School District. During this time David started the first jazz choirs during his career. He led the Mini Singers in the All Boys Choir in Spokane and the Gleemen for the Moose Lodge. He was choir director at Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Grace Baptist Church, and Park Heights Baptist Church. He also played the organ for various churches and events over the years.

After retirement, David and Bonnie worked as ushers at the Spokane Opera House to be surrounded by the music he loved, as well as he continued his work with church choirs. They started traveling to Arizona during the winters where he played piano for the Sunday services at the campground. The last few years David and Bonnie spent in the Moses Lake/Ephrata area where David worked as a greeter for Wal-Mart.

David is survived by his wife of 47 years, Bonnie; his daughters Carolyn (Joe) Jurkovac of Spokane, Melissa Gray of Seattle, his foster daughter Patty (Duane) Kanan of Sprague; his grandchildren Mark, Philip, and Alicia Hulse; Joey, Justin, Jacob, and Jesse Jurkovac; Roderick Gray Jr. and Ashley Kanan as well as 6 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are his sister, Linda (Bob) Hulse and brother Dan (Brenda) Kephart and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. David was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, George Ellman.

A memorial service will be held at Park Heights Baptist Church at 5101 S. Freya St; Spokane, WA; on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. His family requests in lieu of flowers please send donations to Cancer Care Northwest. Cards and letters may be sent to the family at 5228 N. Madison, Spokane, WA 99204.

Previous Events

Service

APR **10**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Park Heights Baptist Church
5101 S Freya St
Spokane, WA 99223

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of David Kenneth Kephart*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - April 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Mr. Kephart can we please sing Heart of My Heart again." I did not realize until later in life how much of a variety of music he taught us. Sue Haskin Logan Elementary.*

Sue Haskin - June 19 at 10:23 AM

LA

“ I was fortunate to be at Garry JH and in choir with Mr. Kephart. We moved from Alabama to Spokane halfway through my 8th grade year, 1970 I believe. I sang in the class choirs and also in Shantie, a pop/jazz choir. I learned to love music and singing choral music partly because of how much he loved it and I still remember singing my first solo, because he believed in me. I babysat for his two little girls back then a few times. I continued on to choir and jazz choir and accompanying at Rogers high and then a scholarship to college and continuing on to a career as a professional singer/musician. I have often thought of my former choir directors and how much they meant to me and still do. They were all very important influences on my life and having Mr. Kephart as my choir teacher was one of the most important ones as he was one of the first. I know he was greatly admired and will be missed terribly.

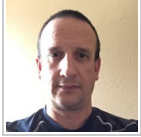
Lynda Dorough Andrews - December 30, 2019 at 08:36 PM

BC

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Brett Chmura - December 30, 2019 at 02:56 PM



“ *Steve Seler lit a candle in memory of David Kenneth Kephart*



Steve Seler - March 07, 2017 at 10:28 AM



“ *Elaine Potvin lit a candle in memory of David Kenneth Kephart*



Elaine Potvin - April 10, 2013 at 12:16 AM



“ *Lissa Ellsworth lit a candle in memory of David Kenneth Kephart*



Lissa Ellsworth - April 09, 2013 at 11:19 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of David Kenneth Kephart.*



April 09, 2013 at 10:41 AM

BR

“ Brooke purchased the Georgia Brandied Peach Pound Cake for the family of David Kenneth Kephart.



Brooke - April 09, 2013 at 10:30 AM

MM

“ Maureen Miller lit a candle in memory of David Kenneth Kephart



Maureen Miller - April 08, 2013 at 07:14 PM

DS

“ Donna Singley lit a candle in memory of David Kenneth Kephart



Donna Singley - April 07, 2013 at 06:42 PM

DT

“ Bonnie,

My sincere sympathy on your loss of Dave. I remember working with him at Grace Baptist Church. He was always cheerful and friendly.

Dorothy Tait, Spokane, WA

Dorothy Tait - April 07, 2013 at 05:29 PM



“ *I love you pappy! Miss you soooo much!!!!*

Alicia Hulse - April 06, 2013 at 04:49 PM



“ *Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of David Kenneth Kephart.*



April 06, 2013 at 03:35 PM