



Eldon Klassen

November 16, 1945 - September 20, 2019

Eldon R. Klassen, 73, passed away Friday, September 20, 2019 at home in Soap Lake, Washington. He was born November 16, 1945 in Wenatchee, Wash. and was raised in Elk, Wash. with his father, Frank Klassen and mother, Mildred Klassen. Eldon grew up on his family farm milking cows then moved on and worked at the U&I sugar factory in Moses Lake, Wash. He eventually moved on driving bus for the Soap Lake School District for 31 years before he retired. He was extremely proud of that career and we all loved to hear stories about his time there. One story he always told was the time he was coming back late one night from a sporting event in a different city when a deer jumped out and hit the bus and all the girls on the bus said “ohhh, you killed poor Bambi” – that deer ran off and was never found, even after looking – he loved to tell that story. His hobbies included going to karaoke at the Ephrata Eagles Lodge with his wife but only to listen and dance; he played pinochle and bingo at the Soap Lake Senior Center. Eldon loved to go fishing with Matthew and Mercedes when they were younger, attending car shows with his 1966 Thunderbird, to go swimming in Soap Lake, and he definitely loved teasing and loving on his wife and grandchildren. Eldon was never just happy with marrying Lois just once and asked her many, many times throughout their marriage of almost 50 years to marry him again and again. Every year Eldon and Lois had a tradition of going up to Lake Wenatchee, Wash. camping for Father’s Day. Eldon was a loving and caring man. He was always willing to help when someone needed it. He will forever

be loved and missed by his family and his friends.

We would also like to thank the men and women who came and did everything they could to help us. You are amazing and we are grateful to have such wonderful sheriffs, paramedics, and the Soap Lake fire and police departments helping our community. Eldon is survived by his loving wife Lois Klassen; his daughters Melanie and Tammy; many grandchildren Sheri (Danny) of Spokane, Wash, Matthew (Tia) of Soap Lake, Wash., Mercedes (Mitchell) of Warden, Wash., Michael of Ellensburg, Wash., Sasha of Othello, Wash., Brandon of Minnesota; and his great-grandchildren Steven, JennieAnne, Amara, Rebecca, and Savannah. Eldon was the oldest of five and was preceded in death by Arin Klassen, James Cox, John Cox, and Linda Bustos; and by his daughter, Lori. Graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at Valley View Memorial Park in Soap Lake. Memorials may be made to his wife, Lois, to help with expenses. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata, Wash.

Cemetery Details

Valley View Memorial Park

20174 Rd A N.E.
Soap Lake, WA 98851
(509) 754-4150
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Previous Events

Graveside

OCT 1. 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

NF

“ I’m so sorry for your loss. We was my bus driver when I was younger. Always kind to us wild children 🥺❤️

nicole frazier - September 29, 2019 at 04:46 PM

DA

“ We became neighbors not long ago. Eldon would make sure i could get to work during last years snow storm. We would chat at the mailbox or over the fence. He had the biggest most friendly heart. This community has lost a very special man. My prayers go out to his beautiful wife Lois and his entire family.



Denise Andersen - September 26, 2019 at 03:41 PM

MN

“ Love u dad i am going to miss you

Melanie Nazworthy - September 26, 2019 at 11:51 AM

KS

“ I remember Eldon when my girls were in school he was there driver and he was so kind and loving to all the kids.

kim fallon spruell - September 26, 2019 at 03:20 AM

RS

Eldon was my bus driver for four yrs He has an awesome family .your in our thoughts and prayers

Robin smith - September 27, 2019 at 12:25 PM

JB

“ I'll never forget my childhood bus driver. I saw him every day until I was old enough to walk to school. He always had a smile and said hello. He knew all of our names and kept a watchful eye. He never let anything slide and was like he had eyes in the back of his head. So heartbreaking to know a part of Soap Lake's history and so many of our memories, has passed 💔 my condolences go out to his family and friends 😞

Jen Bohnet - September 25, 2019 at 12:29 PM

BL

“ Bambi Libby lit a candle in memory of Eldon Klassen



Bambi Libby - September 25, 2019 at 12:06 PM

RS

Eldon was my bus driver for 4 yrs wonderful family

Robin smith - September 26, 2019 at 01:20 PM