



## Raymond Patrick Kelby

July 14, 1955 - March 9, 2026

Raymond Patrick Kelby, 70, passed away on March 9, 2026, in Wilson Creek, Washington. He was born on July 14, 1955, in Bethesda, Maryland.

Raymond was courageous, hardworking, kind, loving, and had a ministry of support for those in isolation.

He is survived by his mother, Natsuyo Kelby; his sister, Karen Kauffman; his niece, Amanda (Kauffman) Gregory, and her husband, David Gregory; along with numerous extended family members in Washington, Hawaii, and California.

In 1977 at age 22, Raymond was involved in a car accident that left him disabled. Despite this life-changing event, he remained determined to live an active and meaningful life and became a dedicated and valued member of his community. He was lovingly cared for all these years by his mother, father, and sister.

At the time of his passing, Raymond served as an elder and treasurer at the Wilson Creek First Presbyterian Church. He also served as a Commissioner for the Wilson Creek Cemetery District #2 and previously held a position on the Grant County Health Board in Ephrata, Washington. Raymond volunteered with Post 28 in Ephrata, Washington, continuing the service his

father—a retired veteran—had provided before his passing in 2005. Through Post 28, Raymond supported numerous fundraising efforts that provided scholarships for nursing education.

Raymond was a man of many talents and interests. He started a picture framing business, built handcrafted wooden garden windmills, and developed a love for art—learning to paint with acrylics and ink. He enjoyed painting pictures as well as decorating pumpkins, large and small, for Halloween. At one time, Raymond accepted the task of refinishing antique furniture for the Davenport courthouse after several pieces were damaged in a fire. He also shared his faith by co-leading the youth group at the First Presbyterian Church in Wilson Creek alongside Kathy Bohnet.

Known for his easygoing nature and warm spirit, Raymond was well liked and respected throughout the community. His kindness, creativity, and dedication to service touched many lives, and he will be deeply missed by family, friends, and all who knew him.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the Wilson Creek First Presbyterian Church, with a luncheon to follow in the church basement.

Memorial donations may be made to the Wilson Creek First Presbyterian Church.

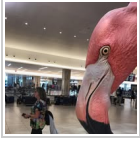
# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (PT)

First Presbyterian Church of Wilson Creek  
347 Sprague  
Wilson Creek, WA 98860

# Tribute Wall



“ *Worked with Raymond and his mother for years at the glass shop, providing glass service for his framing projects. What a joy it was seeing them drive up in their van and get to visit with them. RIP my friend. God Bless you. Brad and JoAnn Rushton*

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**JoAnn Rushton** - March 13 at 01:34 PM