



Robert Mayer

September 22, 1945 - April 14, 2019

Robert (Bob) Paul Mayer, 73 of Ephrata, WA passed away Sunday, April 14, 2019 at home with his loving wife, Karen, by his side after an extended 13 year battle with Parkinson's Disease. He fought a brave fight until the end surrounded by family.

Born on Sept. 22, 1945 in Ephrata, he was the son of Leo & Faye Mayer, dry land wheat ranchers on Sagebrush Flats. At the age of 16, Bob met Karen on the middle of Bonaparte Lake, above Tonasket, WA, and it was love at first sight. Bob graduated from Ephrata High School in 1964, where he lettered in Football and Track. He then married his sweetheart, Karen, on June 27, 1965 in Okanogan, WA and then they began their life together in Ephrata, WA.

Bob enlisted in the Army National Guard at 19, serving for over 7 years.

He worked diligently for the Grant County PUD for over 30 years. At 18, he started out servicing trucks. Through the years, he worked his way up as an Electrician, until at age 49 he retired as the Substation Foreman for Grant county.

Bob was a dedicated husband and exceptional father. He dearly loved his 3 kids: Laura, Angie, and Bobby, they were his greatest accomplishment. He was a devoted family man teaching them how to camp and love the outdoors. One highlight of his life was taking the family twice on a road trip adventure to Alaska. He was a great supporter at all his kids sporting events: football, basketball and track. He and Karen were wonderful, loving, parents to their children and grandchildren.

Spending time with his horses and mules, was one of Bob's greatest joys. Trail rides with his daughter, Laura; wife, Karen; and countless "horse friends" where he was known affectionately as "Buckaroo Bob" was what he liked to do. He loved building trail, hunting elk and exploring the wilderness. He was happiest surrounded by his family, friends and animals. The inner farmer in him came out when he got the chance to work a backhoe or drive a tractor across a wheat field. Bob was also a talented welder and builder, always busy with a project.

He was a member of the Back Country Horsemen of WA-Crab Creek Riders, Grant County Horsemen, Ephrata Saddle Club, and he led the Last Grand Roundup 100 Year Centennial Committee, as well as helping with many other community projects. Bob never met a stranger, he was a kind man with a big heart. He was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He is survived by the love of his life, Karen, his wife of almost 54 years, who cared for him tirelessly for the past several years; his daughters Laura (Jim Perdue) Mayer of Moses Lake, WA and Angie Mayer of Ephrata; son Bobby (Katie) Mayer of Ephrata; his brothers Richard (Bev) Mayer and Raymond (Loretta) Mayer of Ephrata; sister Linda Field of CA; brother-in-law Gary (Pat) Klepec of Okanogan, WA; and 5 wonderful grandchildren: Connor, Abbey, Wyatt, Josephine, and August; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Leo Eugene Mayer; mother Faye Evelyn Mayer; and sister Delores Silva.

Funeral Service: Saturday, April 27, 11am with receiving line 10-10:50am. Address: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1301 East Division Ave, Ephrata. Burial: Ephrata Cemetery to follow. Arrangements are under the direction of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at www.nicolesfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Ephrata City Cemetery

333 E St. S.W.
Ephrata, WA

Previous Events

Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM (PT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Lds
1301 E Division
Ephrata, WA 98823

Tribute Wall



“ *Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Mayer*



Nicoles Funeral Home and Valley View Memorial Park - April 26, 2019 at 04:37 PM



“ *My condolences to Karen and family! Just read about Bob's passing. Hope those darling grandchildren will keep you occupied for years to come! Vicki Ralstin Willms*

Vicki Willms - August 23, 2020 at 08:15 PM

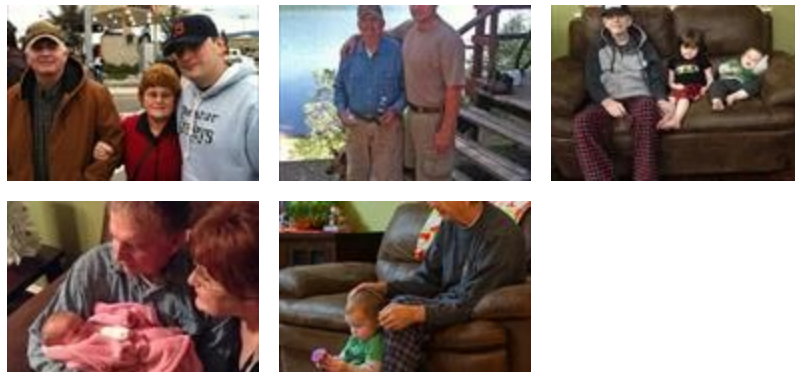


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Diane (Riebli) - May 06, 2019 at 04:40 AM

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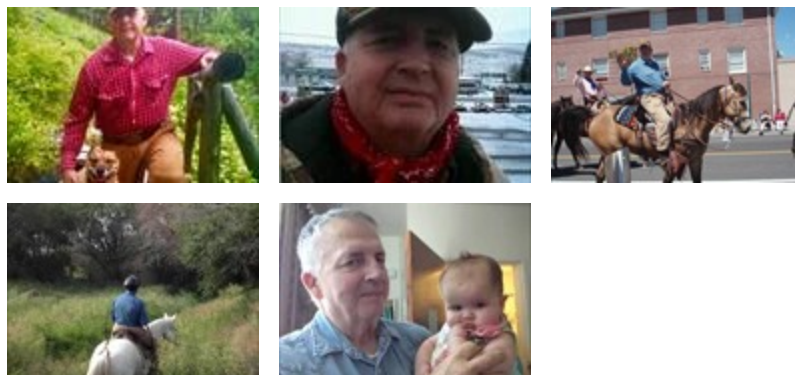
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Bobby Mayer - April 23, 2019 at 03:39 PM

Laura Mayer

“ Such a wonderful father, such a wonderful life...hard to imagine a world without you in it. I will love you forever...❤️



Laura Mayer - April 23, 2019 at 12:58 AM

Lana Waters

Such a beautiful tribute and wonderful photos. I'm so very sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family.

Lana Waters - May 11, 2019 at 01:21 AM

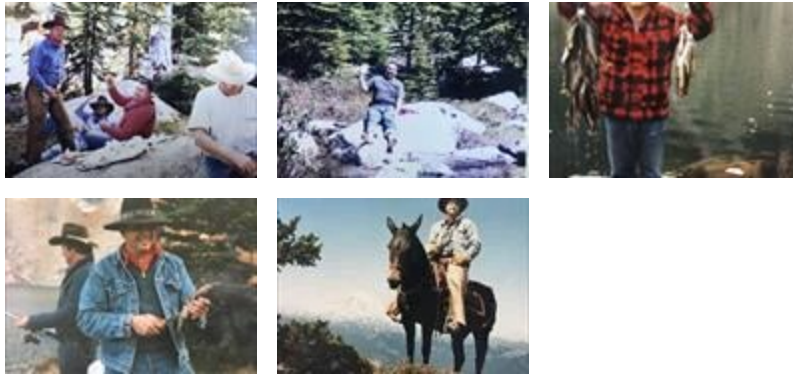
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“ So many trail rides, memorable elk hunts, rides to Tungsten Mine, camping, loving our mules, time in Alaska - Bob was a fun guy to be with, but more importantly he was a caring, supportive friend! He will be missed but we will meet again! Keep the campfire burning, dear friend!

Nels Hansen - April 22, 2019 at 10:55 PM

GC

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Gina Colver - April 22, 2019 at 07:18 PM

AD

“ So sorry for your loss. Bobby put up a good fight and now is no longer in pain. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Don & Arla Deycous

Arla Deycous - April 16, 2019 at 07:08 PM

BK

So Sorry to hear about Bobby. Buzz said he was one of the hardest working guys he was ever around. Prayers for the family. Buzz and Kathie King

Buzz King - April 17, 2019 at 09:05 PM

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Bobby Mayer - April 16, 2019 at 05:36 PM