



## Van Kenneth Morgan

June 28, 1933 - May 17, 2022

Van K. Morgan, 88, passed away on May 17, 2022, at Columbia Basin Hospital, in Ephrata, WA. He had been living at home for the past several years, battling dementia.

Van Morgan was born in Monroe, WA on June 28, 1933, to Cliff and Twila Morgan. He graduated from Everett High School in 1952, where he lettered in football and track. After HS, he went on to attend Central Washington University and participated in varsity football. Unsure of his future career, he decided to take a break from school and joined the Navy for 3 years. He proudly served aboard the USS Mansfield, DD728. After finishing his tour, he returned to Everett and married Willeta (Billie) in 1957, and then returned to CWU to complete his degree.

Van and Billie came to Ephrata in 1959 after accepting a teaching job with the school district. He was an instructor in Ephrata for 27 years. Mr. Morgan taught math, science, English, and Drivers' Ed. His first love was sports, however. He was involved with athletics in some aspect for most of his time with the district. He coached junior high football and basketball, Girls' High School basketball, and ninth-grade football. Additionally, he volunteered his time as a starter for track meets and ran the scoreboard for home football and basketball games. Furthermore, he even coached a girls' softball team, Irene's Candy Kitchen, for a few summers and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Another interest of his was driving trucks. He worked many summers in the local wheat harvest and completed his work life as a semi-truck driver with

Lamb Weston in Quincy. He was also interested in Native American history and was a WWII buff, as his library of books will attest.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and two sisters, Jan and Pam. He is survived by his wife Billie (married 64 years), son Zach, and daughter Nicola Knight (Doug), as well as two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A service of remembrance will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1012 C ST SW Ephrata, WA on July 9, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Refreshments and coffee will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Please express your thoughts and prayers for the family at [www.nicolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicolesfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr Morgan was my algebra teacher in Junior High. When I moved on to high school in 1966, he wrote in my yearbook "Lo and behold to high school." Then, lo and behold, he was my Driver's Ed instructor when I turned 15 1/2. Such a marvelous man. Such an excellent teacher. Cathy Lowe Clark*

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**Catherine Clark** - April 22 at 01:38 PM



“ *Mr Morgan was smart, kind and funny. He challenged me and enjoyed talking about history and football. My friend Z is a reflection of his kindness.*

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**Todd Dixon** - May 26, 2022 at 08:36 PM