



Val Kerby

February 19, 1927 - March 7, 2008

Val V. Kerby (81) of Toppenish passed away on Friday March 7, 2008 at his home. He was born in Wapato on February 19, 1927 to F. B. "Buck" and Pearl (Watson) Kerby.

Val graduated from Wapato High School in 1945 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy during WWII where he served for two years. He went into business with his father until 1963. He went to work at Del Monte where he retired from in 1989. Over the years he was actively involved in the Toppenish Rodeo, and served many years on various rodeo boards including the Jr. Livestock Show board. He was honored to be chosen as Grand Marshall for the Toppenish 4th of July Parade on two occasions. He was a professional artist and painted his first mural in 1955 at the Squeeze Inn Restaurant in Zillah. During 1994-95 he was commissioned to paint a new mural in place of the old one. He has been involved with the Toppenish Mural Society and worked on his first Mural-In-A-Day in 1989 and helped with the next seven projects. "Paradise Row" and "The Beginning of Fort Simcoe" were painted by Val. Two large metal mural signs he personally designed and painted are erected at two entrances to the City of Toppenish. He was often a participant in the art competition at the Central Washington State Fair where he won his share of blue ribbons. In 1993 he received the first place award, Best of Show, and the Director's Award.

Val was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, American Legion, Toppenish Mural Society and the Toppenish Rail and Steam. As a member of

the F.O.E. he served as president and as a member of the winning Ritual Team, competing throughout the Northwest and national competitions. During these years, he was involved in over a dozen skits and plays as a writer, director and actor which was a true passion of his. The highlight of his "acting career" was playing Silas Weston in the 1996 melodrama, "Adrift in New York or Her First False Step". He also had a role in the 1997 melodrama, "Showdown at the Rainbow Ranch".

Val married Roberta Griffith in the Wapato Presbyterian Church on May 13, 1950. They have lived most of their lives in the Yakima Valley. He is survived by his wife Roberta of Toppenish; two sons, Bob (Carol) Kerby of Hines, OR, Gary Kerby of Wilsall, MT; three daughters, Becky Godfrey of Terrace Heights, Karen (Mike) King of Issaquah and Connie Kerby of Kirkland; nine grandchildren, Tom (Allison) Stephens, Terry (Elizabeth) Stephens, Cara King, Jay and Jeff Kerby, Brianna, Chris and Alex Godfrey, Amanda Rawley; three great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Betty Kerby of Yakima; brother-in-law, George (Sandy) Griffith; numerous nieces and nephews and cousins. Mr. Kerby was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Jack and infant daughter, Kathy. Visitation will be held on Monday March 10, 2008 from 2-7PM at Colonial Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be on Tuesday March 11, 2008 at 11AM at Colonial Funeral Home with interment to follow at the Zillah City Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, Hospice of Lower Valley or the Toppenish Mural Society. Colonial Funeral Home of Toppenish, is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **10**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Service

MAR **11**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Tribute Wall



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