



Albert Kissler

March 9, 1944 - January 21, 2023

Albert Donald Kissler, of East Wenatchee, WA, passed away January 21, 2023, at Central Washington Hospital, at 78 years of age. Albert was born on March 09, 1944, to Fredrick Jr Kissler and Clara Dormaier in Odessa, WA.

Albert Graduated Odessa High School in 1962, attended Big Bend Community College, and Eastern Washington University graduating with a BA in Asian History, Political Science, and Physical Education. He earned two Masters Degrees from Washington State University and University of Washington Pacific Coast Banking in Ag Banking. Followed by a fruitful 47-year career in Ag Banking. During his career he worked at Northwest Bank, Central Washington Bank, Rainier Bank, National Bank of Commerce in Wenatchee, Ellensburg, Ritzville, Quincy, Moses Lake, East Wenatchee and Wheatland Bank where he retired as a Vice President.

Albert served in the U.S. Washington National Guard from 1966-1972 as a Battalion Evacuation Sergeant. Albert married the love of his life, Renee Arlene Small in Entiat, WA in August 1971. Albert and Renee raised two daughters; Searri, and Heidi. Heid owns her own business as a photographer, computer programmer and does Payroll / AP Clerk for Silgan Containers in Toppenish, Washington. Searri owns an Accounting and Spice Business in Spokane Washington.

Alberts hobbies were stamp collecting, coin collecting, oil and acrylic painting, Gardening, Fishing and Community Volunteerism. He was the featured artist August 2022 at Two Rivers Gallery. Other Organizations he was involved in are the North Central Washington Prospectors for 11 years, Ginko Rock Club and the Wenatchee Valley Philalic Association. He was a lifetime member of the Leavenworth Senior Center and the Wenatchee Valley Senior Center.

His favorite sports were the Odessa Tigers, WSU and Eastern Football, State B Basketball tournament. He attended 64 consecutive B tournaments.

Albert volunteered for the American Institute of Banking, President of Moses Lake Chapter, President of Wenatchee Valley Chapter, 3 times President of Washington State Chapter, 3 times Vice President of Washington State Chapter and on the board for 9 years. Chaired the National AIB Conference in Seattle for the National and Washington State American Institute of Banking. Served 12 years on the East Wenatchee Board of the East Wenatchee Chamber of Commerce, serving in all chairs and was voted Chamber Member of the Year and was also President. He was the first winner of the Spirit of Excellence Award in 1989 where he was given a beautifully engraved crystal trophy. Served 12 years on the Wenatchee Apple Blossom Festival Board, also receiving the member of the year award. A support group to the Apple Blossom Festival is the Applarians that he served at multiple levels through many decades. Served 13 years on the board and was a standing member at his passing. Served as Chancellor/President and was Float Chairman for 10 years to the Apple Blossom Festival. Member of the Quincy Rotary for 5 years, Quincy Lions Club for 2 years and the Ritzville Lions Club for 2 years. Albert thought he would be most remembered for being a proud family member, community / leader and a leader in the banking industry.

Albert was preceded in death by his father Fred, mother Clara, brothers Richard, Howard, and Robert, and wife Renee. He is survived by his brother

Charles Kissler, daughters Searri Shipman / Husband Keven, Heidi Ihnen / Husband JJ and grandchildren Eric Ihnen, Zach Shipman, Jessica Ihnen, and Tegan Shipman.

Please join the family for a Gathering to honor Al, Saturday, February 4, 2023, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at Chapel of the Valley, 378 Eastmont Ave., East Wenatchee.

There will be Celebration of Life gathering the next day, Sunday, February 5th at the American Legion Hall in Ritzville, WA, with a potluck where everyone is welcome to join in and bring something to share. Graveside service will be held Saturday, April 22nd at 12pm at the Entiat Cemetery, 188 Entiat River Rd., Entiat, WA..

Dad will be greatly missed! He was loved and enjoyed by everyone!

Previous Events

Gathering

FEB 4. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Valley
378 Eastmont Ave.
East Wenatchee, WA 98802
(509) 884-3561
info@chapelofthevalleyncw.com

Celebration of Life

FEB 5. 2:00 PM (PT)

American Legion
106 W Broadway Ave
Ritzville, WA 99169

Graveside Service

APR 22. 12:00 PM (PT)

Entiat Cemetery
188 Entiat Cemetery Rd
Entiat, WA 98822

Tribute Wall

DH

“ Our family had an apple and pear orchard and Al was our Ag banker for years. My dad though especially well of him. He was always so respectful of my dad and I appreciated the way he conducted business and understood the farming industry and the farmer. Debbie (Petersen) Harrison

Debbie Harrison - February 22, 2023 at 04:10 PM

TR

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Al through the Wenatchee Applarians, Apple Blossom Festival and our RV Camping Group, the Loose Lug Nuts. He was an exceptionally fine man and served as a leader in everything he was involved in. He was very highly respected and well liked by many. RIP Al until we meet again! 🙏

Tom Robbins - February 09, 2023 at 07:32 PM

SA

“ What a super nice guy... we chatted at the "B" Tournaments and then met again on the gold rush(NCWP). Al always had a smile and a story for me. I wished that we had lived in the same town, to have more times together... Rest In Peace Dear Friend

Scott Allsbrook - February 02, 2023 at 11:24 PM

PK

“ Very nice man

paul king - February 01, 2023 at 07:04 PM