



## Russ Matney

August 18, 1938 - August 2, 2024

Russell Jay Matney, born on August 18th, 1938 passed peacefully at his home in Cashmere on August 2, 2024. He has gone home to his God almighty, his loving wife, daughter, parents and numerous siblings.

Russell was born in Smackout, Missouri to Thomas and Anna Matney. He was raised alongside his 5 brothers and 4 sisters moving to Arkansas and then making their home in Idaho as the kids became adults. Russ, as he liked to be called, joined the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in November of 1958 having been stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, NV.

Russell met the love of his life Kathy in 1970, marrying May 7th of 1971. Russell became the loving father of her 2 twin baby boys from a previous marriage, joining his 3 children from his previous relationship. Martha Ann, his 4th child sadly passed in a car accident as a baby. Russ and Kathy had 3 children together, completing the transition as a blended family. They lived happily together at their home in Cashmere until Kathy's death in April of 2012. Russ was proud of his family and his military participation earning him the title of United States of America Veteran.

Russ is survived by his children, Steven Manning (Jared), Rusty Matney (DeAnna), Rebecca Snodgrass, Mark Shaw(Bobbie), Richard Shaw, Russell

Matney Jr. (Mari), Kathy Matney-Harris(Annette), Karana Gossman and his adopted son, Jason O'Brien. His brother, Larry Matney (Linda); and sisters, Shirley Chadwick and Rachel Darlens, of Idaho.

Russ had many loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, adopted kids they helped raise, and amazing in-laws and friends who stood by him throughout the years. Russ is preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife, his daughter, and many siblings.

Russ and Kathy will be laid to rest at their home in Cashmere on August 18, 2024. Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

A Celebration of Life will be Sunday, August 18, 1:00pm, 4620 Old Monitor Rd., Cashmere.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 18. 1:00 PM (PT)

Family Residence  
4620 Old Monitor Rd.  
Cashmere, WA 98815

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Papa I love you. You were the best man I ever had in my life. Always so kind, and loving, and forgiving. I dream of you and grandma. I miss you guys so much. I will always think of you and grandma in every step I make in life. I'm glad I got to spend as much time as I did with you after I got my stuff together. Til we camp again, I love you and grandma so much. Rest easy in the meadow with grandma. I'll join you later* 💙

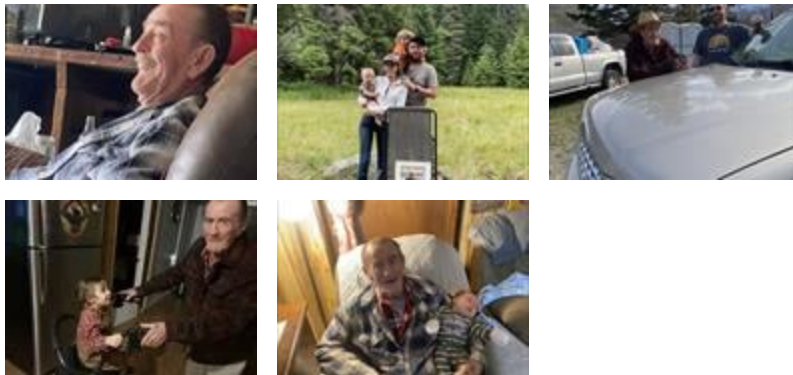


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**Cheyenne Matney** - August 08, 2024 at 03:25 PM

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“ *8 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Johnna McNamara** - August 05, 2024 at 10:03 PM

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**Annette Matney-Harris** - August 05, 2024 at 08:04 PM

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“ *Greatest Dad!*



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**Kathy Matney-Harris** - August 05, 2024 at 07:43 PM

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“ *Kathy Matney-Harris lit a candle in memory of Russ Matney*



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**Kathy Matney-Harris** - August 05, 2024 at 07:27 PM

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“ Grandpa Russ was always one of my biggest allies. His love knew no bounds. From helping me tie my shoes, fixing sprinklers I ran over, taking me to town in his Lincoln town car, sharing his candy stash, going camping , giving life advice(or talking to) and most of all his big heart. Like countless others he was always there for me, the list is so long. And when I had children of my own he showed them just as much love, support, sweetness and sternness when needed. I loved growing up with him and grandma Kathy. They were both so supportive of each other and set such good examples as a couple. They are both greatly missed and loved.



*With love, granddaughter, Alicia (Kathy and Annette's daughter)*

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**Alicia Richards** - August 05, 2024 at 06:53 PM