



Eric Karl Nayes

February 16, 1942 - June 24, 2021

We said our tearful goodbyes to Eric Karl Nayes, 79, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother on June 24th, 2021. Eric was born February 16th, 1942, to Ken & Della (Buchholz) Nayes in Seattle, and moved to Lewiston, ID as a preschooler. He grew up and graduated high school in Lewiston where he participated in many school activities as well as being active in Boy Scouts and Trinity Lutheran Church. Eric did his undergraduate work at the University of Oregon and attended a year of law school at the University of Idaho before heading to the Marine Corps. Just after boot camp, Eric married his dear wife, Karen (Horsman) Nayes, and off they went to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for their Marine Corps adventures. They made some wonderful friends, and because this was during the Vietnam War, Eric felt especially blessed to be serving stateside. Once out of the Marines, Eric completed his law degree at the University of Idaho, then he and Karen, with their two young boys, moved to Spokane where he began practicing law. He was a member of the National Bar Association for 50 years and except for a short stint in Tacoma, spent his entire career in Spokane. Eric loved the law, and he enjoyed teaching some classes at Gonzaga Law School as well as continuing education courses over the years. Eric will be greatly missed by his family. He is survived by his wife, Karen, sons Paul Nayes of Spokane and Christopher Nayes (Kelly) of Lake Tapps, grandchildren Nicole, Alex, Casey & Corey, four great-grandchildren, and his sister Karil Gray (Eddie) of Viola, Idaho. A private service and burial will be held on July 8th at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Luke Lutheran Church building fund or the VFW Post 51, both in Spokane.

Tribute Wall

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“ Heart felt condolences to Eric's dear family. You would be proud to know how much Eric was respected.
I grew up with him from first grade on. He and I had the lead roll in a Christmas play when we were in grade school at Webster Elementary. He was always kind and a good friend.
May God comfort you.
Sharon Lynch

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“ Karen and family: I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Eric. Tom Grismer and I had wonderful times with you many years ago. May peace and understanding comfort you.

Pam Grismer Guptill.

Pam Grismer Guptill - July 10, 2021 at 11:35 AM

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Jeri Jackson McGuire - July 10, 2021 at 01:45 AM

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“ I was a classmate of Eric's at LHS. We had Latin together and we helped each other out. He was well respected in school. I have lived back in Spokane for 26 years, and am sad that we classmates that lived here couldn't have gotten together with him. But, he was stubborn. :-) Would have been so great to have seen him. Our condolences and prayers to his family. We are so very sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Jeri Jackson McGuire



Jeri Jackson McGuire - July 10, 2021 at 01:44 AM