



Leroy Joseph Kunz

September 23, 1941 - March 7, 2025

LeRoy (Le) Joseph Kunz, age 83, was born on September 23, 1941 in Dickinson, ND and passed away in Medical Lake, WA on March 7, 2025.

Le moved to Spokane as a young child and graduated from Lewis and Clark High School. He joined the National Guard at 18, later served in the Army Reserves, and dedicated 41 years to military service.

Le began his career in Opticianry at a wholesale lab and, in 1972, joined Spokane Eye Clinic as a licensed Dispensing Optician. He worked there for 41 years, devoted to his employer, clients, and colleagues. He also served as President of the Opticians Association of America and held several roles within the organization. In addition to his optical career, he worked as a security guard for Spokane Metropolitan Police and also pursued wedding photography, printing pictures from his dark room.

He was a faithful husband, loving father, and loyal friend. Le could fix anything, always building with his hands and had a trusty supply of fiberglass resin, liquid nails, epoxy, and duct tape. He loved woodworking, fishing, camping, Star Trek, the History Channel, and time with his family.

Survived by his wife, Molly, at the home, and their children: Brent Kunz, Lori Kunz Courtney (TJ), Ryan Kunz (Michelle), Chris Vessar (Jessie), Jason

Vessar (Amie), Stephenie Browne (Matt), Leah Hernandez (Emanuel); eleven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Also survived by his brother, Donald Kunz, and sister, Cathleen Kunz. Preceded in death by his father, John Kunz, and mother, Josephine Kostelecky.

Special thanks to those who cared for Le during his illness: Daniel Yang, Jason Aldred, and Horizon Hospice.

A Funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 9:00 am at Cheney Funeral Chapel, followed by a Burial at Washington State Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or the charity of your choice.

His legacy lives on in his family and the lives he touched.

Cemetery Details

Washington State Veterans Cemetery

21702 W Espanola Rd.
Medical Lake, WA 99022

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 13. 9:00 AM (PT)

Cheney Funeral Chapel
1632 W 1st St.
Cheney, WA 99004
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