



Delbert Alfred Depner

July 6, 1941 - December 13, 2017

Delbert Alfred Depner, age 76, of Mansfield, WA passed away peacefully on December 13, 2017, going home to be with his Heavenly Father and to meet again with loved ones gone before him. Delbert was born on July 6, 1941 to Delmer and Iona (Washburn) Depner in Spokane, WA. His family moved to Mansfield in 1949. After graduating from Mansfield High School in 1959, Delbert attended Washington State University and graduated in 1964 with a degree in Industrial Arts. On February 19, 1965 Delbert married the love of his life, Julia Gayne Gifford, whom he had met at church camp. He served his country as a pilot in the Air Force in Vietnam. Following his time in the military, Delbert worked alongside his father-in-law building several dams and bridges on the Columbia River. He returned to Mansfield in 1973 to farm alongside his father. Delbert loved spending time with family and friends and being outdoors. He enjoyed flying, waterskiing, fishing, hunting, and camping. Delbert was extremely active until a farming accident left him a quadriplegic in 1986. From then on his love of planting and harvesting shifted from wheat production to vegetable and flower gardening around his home. He found more time to travel in his RV by attending annual family reunions at Conconully and Williams Lake and joining other snowbirds in Arizona during the cold winter months. Delbert was a member of the St. Andrews Grange, Gideon's, and Mansfield Community Church/Church of God. Delbert is preceded in death by his wife, Julia "Gayne" Depner, parents, Delmer and Iona Depner, and father-in-law, Wayne Gifford. He is survived by his children, Lorraine (Daniel) Bramstedt and John (Amy) Depner; grandchildren, Julia Bramstedt, Katelyn Bramstedt, and John Paul Depner; sister, Evelyn (Keith) Brown; and mother-in-law, Nita Gifford. The family would like to offer special thanks to VIP Adult Family Living, Hospice, and Delbert's caregivers for their tender care. Funeral services will be Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 11:00 am at Mansfield Community Church, 36 2nd Ave, Mansfield WA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Gideon's International at P.O. Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090-7251 (<https://www2.gideons.org/donate>) or to your local Hospice.

Cemetery

Events

Mansfield Cemetery

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Service

11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Mansfield, WA,

Mansfield Community Church
36 West 2nd Avenue, Mansfield, WA, US, 98830

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



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“ It is with sadness that I learned of Del's passing. Though we have not been in contact in recent years, I still considered him a close friend. Our friendship began we were both active duty Air Force stationed at Barksdale AFB and also attended church together.
With deepest sympathy,
Jeff Murrell

Jeff Murrell - April 06, 2019 at 08:04 PM



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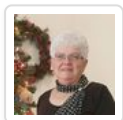


“ The last Christmas that the Depner Family was together, I decided that we should make our Christmas presents. and so we did. Delbert with his creative hands made John & Lorraine cribbage boards,& my daughter natalie a inlaid checker board. For me i was made a knife holder with beautiful knives in it. i made the girls blue denim prairie skirts.

It was the last time that Delbert would make anything - so these presents & the memory of that Christmas were very special to me.

Our Prayers are with Lorraine & John- Pamela Depner- Harkins

Pamela Depner- Harkins - December 21, 2017 at 06:56 PM



“ Attended school with Delbert. Classmate of Dell's. Brother in Christ, part of the family at Mansfield Community Church. Always had a positive thought to share and never heard him complain of his circumstances. Enjoyed our talks on "how to get rid of pocket moles" in the yard/garden. Will be missed but thankful he is with his Lord. Great man of faith and shared freely with others. Prayers for his family as they were such a big part of his care and support. God blessings be upon all.

Jeanette - December 26, 2017 at 01:21 PM



“ I met Delbert and Gayne fairly quickly after moving to Mansfield. Gayne's music was beautiful and I was tickled to hear Delbert sing! Even many years later, after Gayne was gone and he was in a wheelchair, I would start an old hymn at church and soon hear Delbert doing harmony parts! When we became neighbors, it was fun to have him stop and visit about our attempts to get a yard to grow or watch him weeding his garden with ingenious tools that let him work! I look forward to seeing him again in our Lord's garden when the time comes!

Diana Mickelson - December 27, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ I have such warm memories having them as our neighbors, even though it was for a short time, Del, Gayne, John and Lorraine will always hold a very special place in my heart. My love and prayers are going out to you all. Michelle Reider-Kruse

Michelle Reider Kruse - December 16, 2017 at 03:47 PM



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