



Joseph Merle Kropp

January 2, 1921 - February 23, 2021

Joseph (Joe) Merle Kropp, 100, passed away February 23, 2021. Joe and his twin sister Marjorie were born January 2, 1921 in Bridgeport, Washington to John and Mable (Stringer) Kropp.

Joe spent his entire life as a wheat farmer on Dyer Hill. He attended Sunnyside Grade School and graduated from Bridgeport High School in 1939. He married Dorothy Stromer on December 18, 1943 and they celebrated 68 years of marriage together.

Joe was a hard worker who farmed well into his eighties. He kept a garden his entire life where he grew giant heirloom green beans and all his own vegetables. He was a caretaker of the land who enjoyed hunting, fishing, watching deer and feeding quail with his own wheat in the winter. He also looked forward to hosting “the boys” from the Coast each Fall for hunting season.

A favorite pastime of his was taking backroad sightseeing trips with family anywhere the roads would lead. He spent a few winters with Dorothy as a snowbird in the Southwest, but was always happiest at home. Joe spent his last night on Dyer Hill when the 2020 Labor Day Fire burned through. Dyer will not be the same without him there to visit with anyone who happens by.

He was happy to have recently celebrated his 100th birthday with five generations of family in attendance. In his typical dry sense of humor, he said he was going to charge us to take his picture.

He is survived by daughter Darlene Caldwell (Don Baker); Granddaughters Terri (Tracy) Zahn and Jolene (JR) Argo; Great-Grandchildren Lolly Brown, Darby Jones, Garrett Argo and MaKenna Argo; Great-Great-Grandchildren Presley Avenell, Bridget Jones, Kate Jones and Kathryn Argo; niece Laura Lilly and nephew JW Troutman. He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy, twin sister Marjorie Lilly, son-in-law Robert Caldwell and Great-Granddaughter Kelsey Argo.

All are welcome to celebrate Joe's life at a service officiated by Mr. Ralph Rigg at Barnes Chapel on Friday, March 19 at 1:00. Instead of sending flowers, take a minute to talk to anyone who happens by.

Cemetery Details

Packwood Cemetery

Dyer Hill
Brewster, WA 98812

Previous Events

Service

MAR 19. 1:00 PM (PT)

Barnes Chapel
510 W. Indian Avenue
PO Box 306
Brewster, WA 98812
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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Merle Kropp*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *OH what a man!!!! Such a caring quiet soul....I have fond memories of going to the Kropp"s to to help out Joe and Dorothy every summer as a youth. My last visit with him was at my dad's memorial. So glad I got that visit. Joe you are now with the ole timers sharing great stories. I can see you now with Oliver and Ron reminiscing about the ole days. Your smile will be missed. We loss one of the greats. Condolences to your family.
Kandy Dezellem Klenz*

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“ *My heart just broke when I heard this news many years of my youth was spent at Joe and Dorothy Kropp's house with my childhood friend, their granddaughter, Terri Caldwell Zahn. I remember feeling so intimidated by Joe when I first met him, later to find out he was just a big teddy bear at heart. I hope all the great memories the family has will help them through this sad time and let their hearts smile thinking of Joe. My love to the family. Carol Hardie*

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