



John A Kamphouse

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John A. Kamphouse, born August 7, 1947 in Bellingham, WA to Dewey & Mickey (Clarence & Marion) Kamphouse, passed away peacefully at his home on September 18, 2025, after a short battle with cancer.

John grew up on the family farm in Sumas, WA. At age 19, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and proudly served his country, stationed in Korea during the Vietnam War. When he returned home, John began work at Georgia Pacific, where he spent 13 years. He later partnered with his brother Neil to operate the family dairy farm until 1990. John and his four farm hands—his beloved children—shared many years of hard work and cherished memories there. After the farm was sold, he spent several years working at Scholten Roofing until his retirement.

John had a lifelong passion for sports, especially his beloved Seattle Mariners—game time was sacred. He played men's fastpitch softball with several local teams and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and the outdoors. He was known for his unforgettable stories, infectious laughter, and the way his tales often brought him—and those listening—to tears of joy. His heart of gold, combined with just the right touch of stubbornness, made him unforgettable to all who knew him. John treasured his time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and

his friendships at Sumas Bob's were dear to him. His love for his country was steadfast.

John is survived by his children Josh (Alexis), Sarah (Dustin), Tim (Missy), and Mark; grandchildren Samantha (Andy), Elisabeth (Luke), Ava Ruth, Kaylee (Jaykob), Kyle and Katie; and great-grandchildren Riggs, Luca and Ellie. He also leaves behind his brothers Don (Tress), Bill (Kathy), and Neil; sisters Marilyn (Gordon) Stremmer and Virgie (Rudy) Diephuis; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dewey & Mickey, and his sister Ruth.

A casual celebration of John's adventurous life will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2025, from 3:00–6:00 p.m. at the Sumas American Legion, 134 Harrison St. In honor of his love of sports, guests are invited to wear their favorite team attire.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Whatcom Hospice or the Sumas American Legion.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 1. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Sumas American Legion
134 Harrison St
Sumas, WA 98295

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Tribute Wall



“ Sarah and Family,
I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. We had a farm next to Billy and Kathy and saw your Dad there often. I know he will be missed by all who loved him.

Shari Hudson (Vander Meulen) - September 26, 2025 at 12:00 AM