



## Douglas Edward Sapp

April 4, 1947 - May 18, 2024

Douglas Edward Sapp passed on May 18th, 2024, at home and surrounded by loved ones after a long and courageous battle with multiple myeloma. Doug was born in Redding, California on April 4th, 1947 to Ralph and Elana (Martin) Sapp. The Sapp family soon moved from Redding to Arlington, Washington where Doug and his three brothers helped run the family dairy. Later the family purchased a cattle ranch and settled in Curlew, Washington. Doug graduated from Curlew HS in 1965 and was soon drafted to serve in Vietnam. He served his country as an aircraft mechanic aboard the USNS Corpus Christi Bay. Upon his return to Eastern Washington, Doug joined his brother Darrell at Aircraft Salvage and Rebuild and spent the next decade traveling the US salvaging aircraft. One fateful spring in 1972 Doug was on a salvage trip to Southern California when he met his life's soulmate. Kathleen Mannatt and Doug were married in August 1975. Together they built a home on the banks of the Okanogan River where they would raise a family and start more than one business adventure of their own. Riverview Floral specialized in dried and preserved baby's breath, much of which was harvested in the Okanogan Valley and sold around the world. After the baby's breath, they returned to their first love, aviation, and started CJ6.com, an aircraft parts business that bought and sold parts for Russian and Chinese airframes. Kathleen and Doug were an inseparable duo; with a passion for aviation and adventure, they rebuilt and sold numerous aircraft, explored the backcountry airstrips of the Western US, toured the West in their RV, and spent countless

hours fishing lakes throughout the valley.

Of all the hats Doug wore; entrepreneur, aviator, fisherman, craftsman, his most cherished role was that of Papa. He was a proud fishing boat captain, a patient teacher when it came to tying a hook, a gracious chauffeur who gave long slow tractor rides, and a wonderful cook who happily made his famous Sunday morning blueberry pancakes for all to enjoy.

Doug was preceded in death by both of his parents, brothers Bob (Sherri), and Bill (Rose- deceased). He leaves a legacy of love to his wife Kathleen, son Micheal (Heidi), daughters Methea (John), and Lysandra (Luke), 8 grandchildren and brother Darrell (Eve).

In lieu of flowers, donations in Doug's memory can be made to the Recreational Aircraft Foundation at [theraf.org](http://theraf.org). Private interment will be made at Eagle Cliff Cemetery in Curlew, Washington.

# Tribute Wall

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**River Valley Funeral** - May 24, 2024 at 02:33 PM