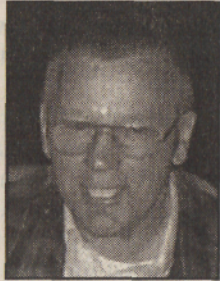


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— March 5, 1929 — May 23,
2005

Mathias (Mat) F. Huppert joined our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on May 23, 2005 after an extended illness. A Rosary service will be held on May 30, 2005, at Cofelts Moon Chapel in Sandpoint at 7 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Sandpoint on May 31, 2005 at 10 a.m., with burial at Pinecrest Cemetery.

Mat was born to Alexander and Elizabeth Huppert on March 5, 1929 in Miles City, Mont. He was one of 12 children. At the age of five, Mat's family moved to Ellensburg, Wash., where he attended Lourdes Academy Catholic School through the eighth



grade. After graduating from Lourdes Academy, Mat attended Ellensburg High School for a couple of years before moving to Sunnyside, Wash., to help his father with farming. After the death of his father, Mat moved to the Seattle, Wash., area with his mom and his brother Ambrose.

In April 1951, Mat enlisted in the U.S. Army and was deployed to Korea where he was awarded the Korean Service Medal, three Bronze Stars and the United Nations Service Medal. After his honorable discharge from the Army in March 1953, Mat married Mary Lee Lancaster in December 1953. In 1954 they moved to Alaska, but returned to the lower 48 in 1957 where they remained until mid-1958 when they returned to Alaska to homestead a piece of land above the Little Susitna River.

During his time in Alaska, Mat drove truck for Matanuska Maid, and a company owned by his brother Paul, Palmer Produce. Mat and Mary

divorced in 1971, and he moved to Auburn, Wash., in May of 1972 to be closer to his family. While in Auburn, Mat worked for Koppers Company Wood Lamination Plant and Truss Span; also during this time, he met and married his wife of 30 years, Sharon Moe-Ewald. Mat and Sharon were married on Jan. 10, 1975, combining a family of five children with a new baby girl added later that year.

The family lived in Auburn for two years before moving back to Mat's hometown of Ellensburg. He worked as a handyman for a short time and then worked for Central Livestock and Feed until he was forced into an early retirement due to health problems. During his time in Ellensburg, Mat and family became very involved in 4-H and Camp Fire Girls. The family joined St. Andrews Catholic Church where Mat joined the Knights of Columbus, and served as the Grand Knight for four years. During their 15 years

in Ellensburg, the family had a mini-farm where they raised a wide variety of animals.

In 1992, Mat and Sharon with just their youngest child still at home, moved to Hope, Idaho, to care for Sharon's dad. In 1996, they moved the family to Sandpoint to be closer to the medical care they needed for Sharon's dad. When they first moved to Idaho, Mat and family joined St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Sandpoint where he continued to be involved with the Knights of Columbus, the Soup Kitchen and helped to run the Knights Of Columbus Food Booth for several years during the annual fair.

Mat loved his family and friends dearly, but his greatest love was shared with his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "Throughout eternity we will share the memories of our time with you and treasure the truth and depth of your love, laughter and tears."

Mat is survived by his wife Sharon, Sandpoint. Daughters:

Kathy (John) Nussberger, Naples; Rosie (Wayne) Smith, Coeur d'Alene; Stacie Huppert, Sandpoint; Melinda (Rick) Campbell, Ellensburg. Sons: Russell (Lisa) Huppert, Sandpoint; Brent (Kim) Ewald, Bremerton, Wash. Grandchildren: Nicole (Will) Hopkins; Michael Ryan Huppert-Smith; Dusty and Suny Campbell; Jonathan Mathias Huppert; Brandon, Michael James, Heather and Paige DuMars. Great Grandchildren: Clinton Mathias Hopkins and his new baby sister or brother who is expected to arrive at the end of May 2005. Mat is also survived by his sister Esther Cummings, Federal Way, Wash.; three brothers, Paul in Palmer, AK, Leo in Utah and Wallace in Ellensburg; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, four

brothers, three sisters, his son Danny Mathias, and former wife Mary.

A reception for family and friends will be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Sandpoint following the funeral service.

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