

John Kavanaugh

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KAVANAUGH

The Walla Walla Community College drama department has announced the establishment of the John Kavanaugh Traveling Theatre Award in honor of the former WWCC

drama student.

The scholarship award is dedicated to "a compassionate individual who wanted to bring the joys of theater to children," according to WWCC drama instructor Jo Anne Rasmussen.

Kavanaugh died in a 1986 auto accident.

Kavanaugh, who attended WWCC from 1976 to 1978, appeared in

China Pavilion productions of "Philoman," "The Warrior's Husband," "Rip Van Winkle," and "Star-Spangled Girl." He also performed in the traveling theater productions of "The Storytellers" and "The Great Cross-Country Race" in which he created the child-pleasing character of Mr. Sloe, the tortoise.

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Former Walla Wallan John Robert Kavanaugh, 28, of Spokane died today in Walla Walla of injuries received in a single-car accident near Isaacs Avenue and Division Street.

The rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Herring Funeral Home Chapel. The Concelebrated Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Patrick Catholic Church. Monsignor Arthur Mertens and the Rev. Michael Krieg will officiate. Burial will be in the Catholic section of Mountain View Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church, St. Vincent de Paul or the DeSales Endowment Fund through the funeral home.

Kavanaugh was born Sept. 20, 1957, in Walla Walla to Joseph H. and Patricia Malloy Kavanaugh. He attended St. Patrick's School and graduated in 1976 from DeSales High School where he lettered in varsity baseball.

He attended Walla Walla Community College where he appeared in many college-sponsored stage productions. He attended Eastern Washington University at Cheney for two years, majoring in dramatic arts and acting in plays there.

Kavanaugh went to Spokane and was employed by the Spokesman Review for the past 2½ years as a salesman in the circulation department.

He came home on vacation Saturday to visit his parents. He was a member of Lady of Lourdes Cathedral in Spokane and a member of its choir.

Kavanaugh is survived by his parents, and his grandmother, Pearl Malloy, all of Walla Walla; three sisters, Colleen King and Virginia Ledgerwood, both of Spokane, and Kellie Jean Kavanaugh of Everett; five brothers, Michael Kavanaugh of Carbondale, Colo., Gerald Kavanaugh of Rochester, N.Y., William Kavanaugh of Spokane, Richard Kavanaugh of Pullman and Kent Kavanaugh of Walla Walla.