



Obituary

Born: Sunday, April 14, 1946

Died: Friday, May 3, 2019

Dick (Richard Dean) Justus rode into the sunset of this life on May 3rd, 2019. He passed peacefully after fighting valiantly over this year with grace and humor. Dick was 73 years old. He was born the 2nd child to Curley and Evelyn Justus on April 14th, 1946 in Baker City, OR.

Dick was raised on a dairy farm and graduated from Hermiston High School in 1965. He "cowboyed" in the Hermiston-Boardman area during the "60's". Dick worked for Harris Pine Mills, Marlette and Prowler. In 1979 to 1983 Dick and Sharon (his wife) ran the Mallard Creek Outfitters in Elk City, ID.

Dick married Sharon Whitsett on 11-25-1972. Dick gained a step-son, Jeff Evans and his daughter, Jodi Ann (Justus) Satterfield of Citrus Hills, CA. Grandchildren are Ian and Ella McDonald and Justin Evans. Dick was blessed with many nieces and a nephew and their children. Dick and Sharon later divorced but remained friends.

He is survived by his older sister: Carol A. Justus of Milton-Freewater and his younger brother: Steve Justus of Corvallis, OR. Birchie Westersund was his beloved companion of 25 years.

Dick was a talented artist and did leather tooling. He made two saddles. Dick backpacked Europe and was enthralled with the art in the Louve in Paris and the Hermitage in St. Petersburg Russia. He was an avid reader of Clive Cussler and James Patterson.

Dick lived simply and did not have to keep up with others. Dick and Birchie loved to go to yard sales and second-hand stores. He loved fishing, watching the SeaHawk games, and weekends at the Oregon Coast. Dick did not like his Life Flight helicopter rides to hospitals.

Dick was a member of the Eagles and he was Santa Claus, hid the Easter eggs, and decorated for Hawaiian Days and Halloween. He washed many dishes at the Eagles. Dick was a one-man comic show and with a little fortification, he could tell jokes all night long.

He was known as "Tricky Dickie, Uncle Buck, and Dicker's" to family and friends. He had a heart of gold who moved many a friend. He helped his aunt and sister when they had health issues. Dick handled his dying with dignity and humor. He will be sorely missed.

Dick's funeral will be at Pioneer Funeral Chapel, 131 S.E. Byers Ave. in Pendleton at 11:00 on Sunday May 19th with a "Celebration of his Life" at the Eagle's where a meal will be served.

Dick will be buried on Monday May 20th at 10:00 in Olney Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com.

Service Summary

Funeral Service

11:00 AM Sun May 19, 2019

Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop

131 SE Byers Avenue
Pendleton, OR 97801