

Richard Marberg

Dick E. Marberg, 74 yrs, left us much too soon, passing away peacefully January 24, 2017 after a long courageous 11 yr. fight against cancer, at the Chaplaincy at Hospice House in Kennewick.

He was born to Earl and Gladys Marberg on December 17, 1942, at Lourdes hospital in Pasco, Wa. He spent his first six years living in Finley, Wa, by the river, in the house where his mother was born and raised. It is located close to where two rivers park is currently. He moved with his family to Edwall, Wa and then to Reardon, Wa for a short while, eventually settling down in Spokane, Wa at age 9. He attended Edison Elementary School, Libby Junior High and Lewis and Clark High School.

He started working early on, hot walking horses, delivering newspapers and later grooming horses at Playfair Racetrack, which wasn't far from their home. After high school he worked a few odd jobs before eventually starting in the sheet metal workers apprenticeship program at the community college in Spokane. After completing the course in 1965, he worked for several shops through his 45 year career as a union sheet metal (tin bender) worker.

In the early days, he worked on several of the dams up and down the Columbia and Snake River. He never missed an opportunity to work. He greeted every challenge head on. He started at the Hanford Nuclear Site in the 1970's. He traveled the power plant circuit, (Satsop, Diablo Canyon, South Texas Project, Comanche Peak, Arkansas Nuclear One, Savannah River, and Fort Saint Vrain, to name a few) through the 1980's and 90's.

In the early 1980's, he met and married the love of his life Debbie Proffitt. They spent 34 happy years together. After the Comanche Peak project in Texas, he moved his family to Kennewick, Wa and continued to work for the union, as a shop foreman or in the field.

In the 90's he was elected business rep for the local NW Sheet Metal Union #66. He loved the union, truly believed in the union and was never afraid to fight for his union brother and sisters.

In 2007 he retired, but wasn't happy "taking it easy", so he started driving school busses for the Richland School District. He really enjoyed his job and the children, however, the Sheet Metal Union was his life. So after a year or two, he went back to work for Intermech and he worked their tirelessly until his cancer treatments got the best of him. He retired for the last time in 2013.

Through the years, Dick belonged to a skydiving club, rode Harley's to Sturgis South Dakota, belonged to a well-known biker club, taught scuba-diving in Bremerton, belonged to the northwest dive and rescue team in Puget Sound area, umpired baseball games, was on the Benton County fair board for several years, was a member of the Moscow Idaho Police Dept. reserves and a member of the Mason County Sheriff's Dept. reserves. Dick loved fishing and camping with family and friends. There was never a dull moment when everyone was together.

Richard was preceded in death by his son Scott Glen Marberg and his daughter Karrie Lynn Moran. Richard is survived by the family he loved so much: his devoted wife Debbie; son's

Mark Jordan (Joelle) and Brent Jordan (Carrie); grandchildren: Brennan Anderson, Tyler & Cheri Colean, Garrett & Chelsea Clary, Maerik Jordan, Reid Jordan, Jacqueline Jordan and great grandson Oliver Colean. Also, by brothers George Marberg and David Marberg, along with several nieces and nephews and a multitude of friends who will never forget him.

A celebration of life will take place at the Living Room Community Church @ 1409 S. Garfield Kennewick, WA on February 11th at 12:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Chaplaincy at Hospice, @ 2108 Entiat Ave. Kennewick, Wa or to the TC Cancer Center @ 7350 W. Deschutes Ave. Kennewick, WA.

I miss you Richard, with all my heart.