



Andrew Richard Carasco

July 2, 1948 - August 14, 2022

Andrew Richard Carasco, "Richard," left this world on August 14, 2022, at the age of 74. He was born and grew up in Longview, Washington, to Andrew Martin and Mabel Frances (Tippery) Carasco and is, in fact, survived by his mother to whom he was very close. He is also survived by his daughter, Dalene Powell-Carasco, his siblings: Jane Carrasco Chew (Robert), Lawrence (Sandra), Terry, Randy (Mary Christensen) and Angle Avalon (Karl) as well as a passel of Tippery, Kessler, Brown and Fernandez cousins who were virtually siblings, along with his wonderful aunt, Dolores Tippery. His beloved father preceded him in death in 1999.

From his earliest years in life, Richard stamped his activities and all of those around him with the imprint of his energy, intensity and passion for all that he encountered. It is fitting that he was a drummer in local bands as there was never a doubt he was going to be heard. Likewise, he excelled in wrestling as he was never one to back down from a challenge. After high school, he found himself in Vietnam as a combat medic in the 4th Infantry where he served his country and received two purple hearts.

Upon Richard's reentry into civilian life, he followed in his father's footsteps as he settled in Vancouver and made a career in the building and construction industry as a carpenter, contractor and superintendent during which, among other things, he oversaw the construction of a Longview Walgreens at 30th

and Ocean Beach.

That being said, by far his most important and successful project was the birth and raising of his daughter, Dalene Powell-Carasco. There is no question that - as evinced by Dalene's name in blocks on the outside of his exquisitely maintained home and the custom bedroom suite that he constructed for her inside - she was the apple of his eye and he was immensely proud of the young woman she has become.

No doubt, much of Richard's energy and passion was driven by an incessantly and relentlessly inquisitive and active mind. He was fully and unequivocally a citizen of his world in every sense whether it was building in his community, taking active pride in his carpenters' union or keeping himself fully informed of what was happening as an avid and animated reader, follower and analyzer of history, current events and culture.

Richard and his family would like to thank the American Legion posts of Vancouver for their support and their help with his veteran's benefits.

Those who knew Richard are cordially invited to join the family for a funeral service to honor him at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98684, on Monday, August 29th at 10 AM. A social hour at Evergreen will immediately follow the conclusion of the service and there will be a brief ceremony at 2 PM with military honors at Willamette National Cemetery, 11800 SE Mt Scott Blvd, Happy Valley, OR 97086, which is about a 25 minute drive south of Evergreen.

If you would prefer to make a donation in lieu of flowers in Richard's memory, please consider Homes For Our Veterans.

Tribute Wall

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“ *With love and hugs,*



Aunt Jane and Uncle Robert - August 28, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We saw Richard and Dalene when we would visit Robert and Jane in Portland. On one visit, our son Michael got to play in the snow with Dalene. Richard was always kind and welcoming to us. Our deepest sympathies on his passing. Stephen, Daisy, and Michael Chew*

Stephen Chew - August 28, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Our deepest sympathies on Richard's passing to Dalene, Jane, and the whole family. From Stephen, Daisy, and Michael Chew*



Stephen, Daisy & Michael Chew - August 28, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *With love from mom*



Anonymous - August 25, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory*

A Memorial Tree was planted for Andrew Richard Carasco - August 18, 2022 at 12:00 AM