



Richard Ray Dronen

March 5, 1966 - March 10, 2012

Richard Ray Dronen Richard (Rick) Ray Dronen passed away suddenly in his Vancouver home on Saturday, March 10, 2012. Rick was born on March 5, 1966 in Anaheim, California. In 1980, he and his family moved to Washington state. He graduated from Prairie High School in 1984. One year later, he married Denice Simpson. Together they made their beautiful home in Vancouver and raised two wonderful boys, Kevin and Jason. Rick and Denice enjoyed entertaining their many friends and family. Rick was a very kind, loving, sharing and giving person to all that he knew. He was extremely devoted to his community, and was instrumental in many programs such as Salmon Creek Soccer Club and Skyview High School football and booster clubs. He was a great leader and an inspiration to all. He worked for Daimler (Freightliner) Trucks for 25 years and was among a selected group of employees who worked together to design and build the truck manufacturing plants in Saltillo and Santiago, Mexico. Rick is survived by his wife of 26 years, Denice, his two sons, Kevin of Vancouver and Jason who is currently residing and attending WSU in Pullman, WA., mother and father, Carol and Sam of Brush Prairie and brother Steven of Vancouver, as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and his biological father, Juan Ortiz. Funeral services will be held at 11am on Thursday, March 15 at St. John Catholic Church, 8701 NE 119th Street in Vancouver, Washington 98662. Graveside service will follow at 2pm at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 1101

N.E. 112th Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98684. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being established for various charities.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ Rick was a great neighbor and friend. If you needed help for anything, Rick was there. He will be missed and we are heartbroken by his passing. Our hearts go out to Denice and the family.

John & Bonnie Crawford - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Rick's passing. Eventhough I have only known Rick for a few years through work, I felt we had become friends and he will be duly missed. Mark Beene

Mark Beene - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ ying and yang - I love you - you are not alone.....

Beth scheoberl - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working very closely with Rick over a decade ago. I have only seen him in passing in the hall at work since then but seeing him always reminded me of the good times we shared solving problems together at work with a common goal. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to get to know Rick. Our thoughts are with Denice and family as they navigate this difficult time.

Aaron Nelson - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM