



## Richard Joseph Gretsch

November 28, 1944 - March 11, 2021

Richard 'Dick' Gretsch died at his home in Battle Ground on Wednesday, March 10. Richard the son of Carl Gretsch and Norma Nicholson was born 28 Nov 1944. He graduated from Battle Ground High School as a member of the class of 1963.

In 1964, at nineteen years old Richard enlisted in the air force and was an air freight specialist. He served at an air base in Madrid, Spain. He was honorably discharged in 1968 with a rank of staff sergeant.

Richard was hired by Oregon Steel in 1974. Oregon Steel was purchased by EVRAZ in 2007. Richard had a prosperous and long 46-year career with the steel company. He retired from EVRAZ in 2020.

Richard married Mrs. Margaret Meek in 1989. Over the years Richard enjoyed scuba diving, and underwater photography. Both he and his wife Margaret enjoyed road trips in their motor home. A week prior to death he underwent hip replacement surgery. The operation went well and after surgery his therapy and recovery were progressing nicely. Despite the recent surgery Richard's death was unexpected and a shock to the family.

Except for his years in the Air Force, Richard was a lifelong resident of Clark County. Richard was preceded in death by his parents and his twin brother

James. Survivors include the widow; a son, Albert of Hockinson, from Richard's first marriage; a daughter, Gina of Vancouver, from his second marriage; three grandchildren; plus, two step-daughters Kacie and Mitzi of Arlington, Washington.

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“ We are So very sorry to hear of Dicks passing. Kim always felt close to him and has great memories of times spent with him. He was always friendly and kind to me and I felt at home in his presences . Our hearts are with you all. Kim and Taree Strobeck

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**Taree Strobeck** - March 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM