



Richard Stanley Skesavage

September 24, 1937 - March 29, 2017

RICHARD "SKI" S. SKESAVAGE September 24, 1937 ~ March 29, 2017
Richard S. Skesavage, "Ski", of Vancouver, WA, died of natural causes at Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center on March 29, 2017. He was 79 years old. Born in Wilkes-Barre PA on September 24, 1937, the son of Stephen and Elsie Mugford Skesavage, Richie attended Sacred Heart High School, Plains, PA and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1955. Richie was trained as a flight engineer on the military transport aircraft C-130 Hercules. He received his Naval Air Training in Meridian, Mississippi, and was stationed in Pensacola FL, Japan, San Francisco, Newfoundland Canada, Lakehurst NJ and San Diego CA. While in Japan, he met Shimako Yashiki, "Mitch", who worked on the Navy base. They were married in 1959 in Fukuoka City, Japan. Mitch passed away in 2005. During the Vietnam War, Richie flew on multiple supply missions into Vietnam. He retired from the Navy in 1975, and moved to Vancouver, WA where he pursued his hobbies and furthered his education. He graduated from Clark College with a degree in Agriculture and Horticulture, and spent most of his spare time fishing, gardening, and hunting. Richie was an avid volunteer for Klinekids Fishing. He and his dog R.J. were very well known on the river during fishing season. He is predeceased by his parents and his wife Mitch, also brothers Clement and James. He is survived by a brother, Thomas Skesavage and his wife Terri of Battle Ground, WA, sister-in-law Mary Lou Skesavage of Manasquan, NJ, nine nieces and nephews, and his companion Kim Susi of Vancouver. A Memorial Service will

be on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Avenue, Vancouver. Memorial gifts can be given to Kline Kids Fishing at <http://kline-kf.org>. Please sign his guestbook at www.columbian.com/obits.

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