



Robert Wayne Schmeling

November 28, 1945 - December 23, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that our family announces the passing of Robert Wayne Schmeling, at age 79. Bob was born November 28, 1945 in Watertown, South Dakota, and passed on December 23rd 2024 in Vancouver, Washington. Our one in a million guy, husband, brother, father, grandfather, cousin, uncle, and friend succumbed to a rare terminal neurological disease called Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) just 11 days after being diagnosed. Bob was the loving son of Robert and Florence Schmeling, and the big brother to five sisters Debi, Lynda, Sue Marie, Patti and Bobi Jo, who adored him very much. Bob spent his early years making memories with childhood friends in Watertown before the family moved out to their farm in South Dakota. Many recall stories of how Robert always loved roaming the land, riding horses, showing sheep and had a fond affection for all birds. He especially had a passion for raising pigeons which continued throughout his life. In 1960, he and his family moved from the farm in South Dakota to Vancouver, Washington. The Pacific Northwest was his home. However, he loved nature, sunshine and all bodies of water and could often be found sitting beside his wife Cheri on the dock of the bay in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and Pacific City Oregon. Many of these times were shared with the cherished friends and neighbors they had made through their 27 years together. After graduating from Hudson's Bay High School in 1964, he proudly served in The Army National Guard. Through the years he worked at Justin Photo, Alcoa, Armour Meats and was a Longshoreman. He especially enjoyed the

time he spent working beside his father in the family upholstery business. He loved all varieties of music and dancing, and enjoyed teaching disco dancing, all while raising his growing family. He decided to follow his mother's footsteps into real estate which led him to find his niche in land development, individually, with family and his longtime partner Robert Wayne Kanna. Later on he loved working in his beautiful yard, traveling, and seeing friends over coffee, at breakfast, or gatherings at Jollies & Jakes, among other places. He enjoyed all sports, with his favorite being boxing. In the earlier years he was a boxer and enjoyed being a trainer and cornerman while coaching his sons. He supported the kids in all sporting events, or any activity they chose to participate in. He stayed in great shape all of his life and took great pride in his ability to do pushups almost daily for every year of his age. Bob married his high school sweetheart Linda Wellman for round one. They were the proud parents of Richard James and Robert Dean. Later, for round two, he married Sherri Long and together they had three beautiful daughters Tiffany, Amanda and Brandi. Through this marriage he also gained a stepson, Troy Johns. Round three was the charm. He met his soulmate Cheri Jollie, and they enjoyed over 27 years side by side. He not only leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories but also a heavily saturated family tree of information that he poured hours of his time into for over 25 years. Genealogy was not just a hobby but a love language that Bob often tried to speak to anyone who would listen. Those stories would often start with "This is your great, great, great..." and so on. He cared deeply about his family and wanted everyone to know that no matter how their path brought them to him that he would show you that you belong and exactly where your story started. Bob's love and devotion for his family and friends was unconditional. He was known for his kindness, generosity, and the warmth that he brought to everyone he met. He had kind piercing blue eyes, a contagious smile, and a heart of gold. He was a true gentleman from a time when a handshake, your word, and your name was honored and meant everything. He is survived by his wife Cheri, children Richard, Robert, Troy

(Allison), Tiffany(Shane), Amanda (Terrance) and Brandi (Jory). His sisters, Debi, Lynda, Patti,Bobi Jo and brother-in-laws Mike and Rick. Grandchildren Alec, Giovanni, Makai,Nia, Bo, Asa, Isaac, Xander, Caden, Hailey, Levi, Robert, and Great GrandchildAdahlia. Numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and true friends. He waspreceded in death by his parents Bob and Florence, and sister Sue Marie.

A Celebration of Life will be planned towards Summer to be announced at a laterdate when the sun is shining, and the birds are singing.

The family would like to extend their gratitude and appreciation to the staff at ThePeace Health Neurological Unit and the staff at The Ray Hickey Hospice Housewhich supported the family and cared for him in his final days.Donations may be made to the Ray Hickey Hospice House, or any organizationsof your choice in his name. He will be deeply missed, always loved, cherishedand forever remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him.May he rest in love & peace. "Slainte' & Bubbles Up

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 05:53 PM

DJ

“ This is such a tragic loss for my sister Cheri, for his family, and our family as well. He was such an awesome man and a big part of our family for many many years. He will truly be missed. I am glad that our paths crossed and we got to know him. Life has forever changed for a lot of us now. We can only find our own ways to move forward and keep him alive in our stories and our memories. Sending prayers and positive energy to all people affected by his loss ... Dave and Cindy

David Jollie - January 25, 2025 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Cheri and Family , knew Bob from our time in the same section Natl Guard. Had 3 years listening boxing stories and friendship a great guy, condolence's Bruce Barker

Bruce W Barker - January 10, 2025 at 12:00 AM

AS

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

A Memorial Tree was planted for Robert W. Schmeling - January 09, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ Robert Wayne Schmeling

Funeral Home Owner - January 09, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Bob was a Gentle Giant. The guys weren't shy with describing him as sweet, but tough! He was always in good physical condition! He was very wise and could hold is own in any conversation. We will miss seeing him at FightNight and at the CarShows. God'sPeace... YourFriends, Bruce, Gordy, John, Brad, Steve, Mike, Rick, Ron, Dave, Kenny/Danny*

Your Friends... - January 09, 2025 at 12:00 AM