



Randall Zane Wickward

August 24, 1961 - August 7, 2015

Randall Zane "Randy" Wickward, 53, a longtime Long Beach, California resident and former Fairfield, Washington resident, passed away suddenly on August 7, 2015 at Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, after reeling in a 389 pound trophy winning Black Marlin.

He was born on August 24, 1961 at Fairfield, Washington to Roger Wickward and Geraldine "Gerry" Bischoff Arlt. He was raised in Fairfield and attended the nearby Upper Columbia Academy grade school prior to the Fairfield Elementary School and Liberty High School. He graduated from Liberty High School with the Class of 1980. Shortly after he graduated, he followed some friends to Southern California and found a job as an Apprentice Offshore Diesel Mechanic. He made his first home at Huntington Beach, California, within walking distance of the Pier. In a short time he was becoming established as a good mechanic and he purchased a well remembered Black T top Corvette. His jobs took him to offshore Oil Platforms as well as area Yachts. He later added large fishing vessels and occasionally Cruise Ships. He moved to Long Beach California and on his own, built his business and reputation and became a much requested mechanic.

One of Randy's good customers had his Yacht break down off of the coast of Italy and paid for Randy and his equipment flown there to make the repairs. While there he was able to enjoy some sport fishing. This had also occurred in Florida and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Through the years, he occasionally did work at Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. He

soon fell in love with the area, his friends, fishing, his new customer base and had a second residence there.

Randy enjoyed going on sport fishing derbies and had just spent thirty minutes reeling in a very large Black Marlin that won the second place trophy. His fishing hobby was actually a newer hobby to Randy, his first love was horses. He became a rider that especially enjoyed team pinning in the Rodeo Circuit in the Southern California, Texas and Oregon. He rode for many years and amassed many trophies as a rider named "Randall Zane". He enjoyed the people and they were puzzled where he ever found the time, but for the past three months, he put on a potluck barbecue and dinner with live music, on his own as a fund raiser once a month for everyone at the 'Empty Saddle Club', where he kept his horses.

Randy had a gentle loving spirit that was described as "A Precious Loving Heart", he cared deeply for others, loved children, animals and his family. He especially looked after his mother and even purchased a expensive vase with his own earned money as a young child that his mother still cherishes.

He loved pies, especially huckleberry pie. Every year for the last 7 to 8 years, he would request huckleberries to be sent to him. He would make pies and take them to friends houses to bake them and share with them.

Randy is survived by his mother and her husband, Gerry and Jerry McLean, Airway Heights, WA; step-mother, LaVera Wickward, Spokane, WA; his sister and brother-in-law, Karen and Jon Smith, Spokane Valley, WA; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Wendell and Carol Wickward, Clarkston, WA and Edwin "Ed" and Roxanne Wickward, Spokane, WA; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a huge network of friends. He was preceded in death by his father.

A Remembrance Gathering to Celebrate Randy will be held on Sunday, October 18th at 1:00 p.m. at the Shelter in Sunset Park, Airway Heights, located at the corners of 8th Ave. W. and King Streets, Airway Heights, WA. All are invited to visit his tribute online at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com and feel free to leave a memory for the family.