



## Richard Jack Jonas

October 11, 1934 - November 28, 2012

Richard Jack Jonas, 78, longtime Santa Ana, CA resident passed away in Wenatchee, WA on November 28th, 2012 at his daughters home with his loving family by his side. following an extended illness and a fight with cancer.

He was born on October 11, 1934 in Richardton, North Dakota to the late Jerome J. and Anna F. (DeWald) Jonas. He was raised on their family farm near Richardton until the age of 15. His family sold the farm and they moved to Yakima, WA. He continued farming and agriculture by picking cherries, peaches, apples and hops.

He entered the U.S. Navy in 1954 and served during the Korean War. While home on leave, he was married to Patricia Dube in Yakima. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, he returned to Yakima where he worked with his father-in-law as a Commercial Building Painter. He was a father to five children; Carol "Kara", Michael, Theresa, Daniel and John.

In the early 60's Richard divorced and moved to Santa Ana, California where he worked for Milo John Deere Company as a heavy equipment mechanic. In 1968 he married Cora Marie Neeley.

After working at John Deere for several years, Richard branched out and started his own business known as "Richard's Tractor Service" in Santa Ana,

CA. He was in business for 25 years and retired in 2003.

He was a longtime member of the Santa Ana Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #10694. He loved telling jokes, teasing people and making them laugh. He also enjoyed fishing and fixing all kinds of things.

Richard had recently moved back to Washington to be closer to his children. Richard is preceded in death by his son Michael W. Jonas and his brother Edward A. Jonas.

Richard is survived by his wife of 43 years Cora M. Jonas, brothers; Christopher Jonas, Willie Jonas, Jerry Jonas, and sister Clementine Jonas-Murphy, his children Kara Shephard, Theresa Jonas, Daniel Jonas and John Dube. He also has a large extended family including many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A graveside internment service will be held on April 29, 2013 at Calvary Cemetery, Yakima, WA at 11:00am. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee, WA.

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Rich I remember when we were living in selah and at the dinner table I had to sit beside you, then you were gone off to the navy, it seemed like I was lost. I wanted to be in the navy when I grew up and be on a ship, never happened, but you and I could communicate after I got out of the navy. I miss those days now that I could call you and reminese, but I will always remember the good times we had..

*Your little Brother  
Jerry*

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**Jerry Jonas** - April 25, 2013 at 03:04 PM

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“ Such a great customer, Rich - always smiling, always happy, loved his tractors and his customers. So sorry to hear of his passing. Such a super guy! One of our angels - may god bless all who knew him and his family. take care

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**Kathy Wright/Eberhard Equipment** - December 26, 2012 at 06:23 PM

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“ I can remember as a little girl you loved to tease alot. You were always telling jokes and making people laugh. The last time I seen you was when grandma passed away and we were all In Yakima as one big family. You were loved by many and will be missed terribly. Your always in my heart. I love you uncle Richard.

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**cindy jonas yates** - December 14, 2012 at 09:49 PM

JM

“ Rich, you were a super guy. I'm going to miss some of the stories you told me about your work and some about the navy. Even tho I didn't see you very often you always made me laugh. Rest in Peace Rich.

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**Jeff Mongeon** - December 14, 2012 at 03:36 PM

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“ You were the best Rich. I miss coming over every morning and having coffee, reading the paper and talking about farm life and your tour in the navy. I could come to you anytime and talk to you and you would always listen. If I was having a bad day you always said something funny to make me laugh. We ran errands together and for one reason or another you made an excuse that you had to go to WalMart. When I was done shopping I didn't have to look far to find you, you were at McDonalds having a hot fudge sundae, you really loved that ice cream. The most important people in your life were your children, Carol, Terry, Dan and John and you walk the heavens now with your son Mike. You had so many good friends when you worked and great neighbors that miss you also. Someday we will meet again and until then, remember how much I love you. You will always be MY BIG BROTHER... Lots of hugs from your sis!!  
Clem

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**Sean and Clem Murphy** - December 11, 2012 at 07:54 PM

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“ Kara and Family,  
Continuing to think of you and praying for comfort and peace. You have all been through so much these past two months. May God give you strength day by day through your love for each other and your memories of your Dad and brother. Grace and peace to you with love. Nancy and Glenn Grette

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**Nancy Grette** - December 04, 2012 at 10:04 AM