



Richard W. Manski

December 20, 1946 - March 22, 2023

Richard "Dick" Manski of Manson, WA died at age 76 at home on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. He was the longtime companion of the late Shirley Haase.

Dick was born on December 20, 1946 in East Orange, NJ, the only child of Chester and Eleanor Harrington Manski. He was educated in New Jersey and graduated from St. Rose HS in Belmar NJ in 1964. Following graduation, he enlisted in the US Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was assigned to Tactical Air Command in flight simulation at Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson, Arizona. There he met Marlene Stokes and they were married following his honorable discharge in 1968. They moved to Seattle where Dick became the father of two daughters, Karen and Kristen.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Washington, and was employed by Cascade Natural Gas and the Norton Corrosion Company. He worked as a commercial fisherman out of Homer, Alaska and also spent time in the Sahara Desert of Algeria working as a corrosion engineer.

In 1983 Dick relocated to Manson, WA. after purchasing "Goodies Two" Restaurant in Manson. He later founded Manson Maintenance Co. where he was in great demand as "a man who could fix anything!". He also enjoyed his work at the Holden Mine Remediation project. He had continued working until

the time of his passing.

Dick was an avid reader, storyteller, fisherman, and hunter. He enjoyed people, going to the casino, was generous, and had a great sense of humor. He will be sadly missed by many.

He is survived by his two daughters, Karen Maestas of Colorado and Kristen DiStasio, and her husband David of New York, as well as three granddaughters, Sophia, Stella, and Chloe, and his former wife Marlene Shea.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. The family invites you to leave your condolences at www.heritagememorialchapel.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our dearest Dick who came to our rescue to repair anything, Heidi said DICK I need your help and he came the same day to help us! Much love to his so loved Shirley, he loved to refer to as his." Hay Bag" , for Shirley kept Dick full and happy after a long day of solving the local's needs! To his loving children, your father meant the world to Brad Neal and I!

Heidi Neal - April 05, 2023 at 10:38 PM

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“ Rest in Peace my friend and neighbor 💔🌹

Denise Disbro - April 04, 2023 at 10:01 PM

RJ

“ Q: What 3 words best describe Richard and why?

A: Loyal, honest and one of the absolute smartest guys I've ever met. If you needed him,he'd make it happen, can't be replaced!
Never be another one like him, but his presence will live on !

Ron Johnson - April 03, 2023 at 07:03 PM

BK

“ Dick and Shirly were our neighbors when we moved to Manson in 1986. Over the years I was amazed at his knowledge of so many things. He helped me out with a few projects that nobody else could figure out. He was always a pleasure to be around. Not sure is I ever saw him in anything but his bib overalls, hands tucked in the sides, and that "are you kidding me" smirk.....makes me smile thinking about it.

Bob Knauss - April 03, 2023 at 12:02 AM

DD

“ Dick Manski will always hold a special place in my heart. I was a single mom with 2 young children and had just purchased my home and was trying to start my home based business so that I could be home for my kids. Manske helped to make that dream possible by helping me wire and plumb my shop. He allowed me to make payments as I could afford them. He was a genuine soul that believed in people. I will miss him and will be forever grateful to have known him.

Des Doty - April 01, 2023 at 01:30 AM

JV

“ Dick was a great person..I would call him every time I had a problem with plumbing,electrical, or anything for that matter..he could & would fix most anything..Heaven just got one of the best handyman ever..RIP DICK☐

Joan M Vitulli - March 30, 2023 at 03:25 PM