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"God grant me the serenity To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can; And wisdom to know the difference."

Shane Forrest Quinn (71), a 29-year resident of Cashmere, WA passed away peacefully at home after a 5½ year battle with advanced metastatic prostate cancer. Gina was at his side when Shane took his last breath. Shane fought a good fight - always with a smile, a positive attitude, strength, determination and courage.

Shane was the oldest of four children. His mother, Jacquelyn, married Donald O'dell in October 1947 and gave birth to Shane and his brother Brian in Laramie, WY. After his parents' divorce in 1953, Shane's mother, Jackie, would go on to remarry in 1955, to Milton Quinn.

Milton adopted 6-year old Shane and younger brother, Brian. Together, Jackie and Milt had another daughter and son, Kelly and Tracy. It was on the Laramie River where Shane's Grandpa Bud nurtured Shane's love for fishing. Shane called square dancing at the Quadrangle Club in Laramie, ice skated in the winter on the local frozen pond and roller skated at the Laramie roller rink. In

fifth grade, Shane acted in the play "King and I."

The family moved to Cheyenne, WY when Shane was in the 7th grade. His fishing mentor, Grandpa Bud, had moved to North Platt, Nebraska and Shane spent many memorable summers fishing off the banks of the North Platte River. In high school, Shane had a passion for the theatre and swimming. He was in numerous plays and competed with the East High School swim team. After school, Shane worked as a busboy and lifeguard at Sun Valley Community Center in Cheyenne. Following graduation, he worked two summers for the Department of Interior at Yellowstone National Park removing invasive currant and gooseberry bushes to save the white pine trees. He loved being in the great outdoors.

After graduating from East High School in 1968, Shane spent his first year at the University of Wyoming and later Laramie Community College. Shane graduated from Seattle Opportunities Industrial Center in 1970 as a mechanic and studied American Literature at North Seattle Community College (1971 - 1973). Shane helped run The Buffalo Tavern in Ballard (Seattle) in the early-70's while learning his trade. He had painter apprenticeships with Don Stark and Jacobsen & Sons. With 4 years of experience under his belt, Shane was hired by Children's Orthopedic Hospital (COH) as lead painter. He held this job for 18 years and was an energetic member of the Employee Activity Committee and Co-ed COH-sponsored softball team.

Shane met his first wife, Linda Prier, while working at Yellowstone. They married in 1970, settled in Seattle, and had a son, Shane, Jr. From this moment on, Washington State became Shane's "forever" home. Shane and Linda divorced in 1973, but remained life-long friends. Shane married Olivia Brink in 1974, and they had a beautiful and bright daughter, Thea Brink (Wertman). Shane made many long-time close friendships (Randy, Peggy, Shawn, Stephen, Stan, Diane, etc.) during these early years in Seattle.

Shane met his wife of 39 years, Gina Radoslovich, while playing on the co-ed COH softball team together; Shane pitched and Gina played 2nd base. They married in 1982 and enjoyed vacationing in Mexico, Hawaii, and spent many long weekends in sunny Eastern WA. In 1987 and 1989, they had two wonderful children, Kelsey and Cody.

In 1992, the Quinn family moved to Cashmere, WA. Shane was hired at Central Washington Hospital as lead painter, where he worked for 22 years. He was an enthusiastic active member of the A-Team (Activity Team). Shane's true loves were Gina, his children, fishing and boating. He also was an avid reader and enjoyed history, guitar playing, camping, hiking, swimming, downhill skiing, motorcycling, gardening, barbecuing and socializing. Shane relished his extra hot vanilla lattes and his hot soaks in his clawfoot bathtub.

Gina called him her "social butterfly." Shane loved music from the 60's and 70's and attended many concerts over the years. He was a true rock-n-roll fan and frequently played his collection of vinyl records on his turntable. Shane was always an optimist, was fun-loving and a welcomed guest at gatherings and parties.

He embraced being a "super dad" and supported Kelsey's and Cody's personal interests in soccer, FFA, softball, cross-country, and swim team. Shane joked, "My kids swam because of my love for the water." For years he volunteered many hours building and painting sets for Cashmere High School plays, where his children performed. He was an involved father and very proud of all of his children's' accomplishments.

The family enjoyed traveling in their Winnebago RV to National Parks in Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico and to the beaches in Washington,

Oregon and North Carolina. They also vacationed at Disneyland and Disney World.

Shane and Gina built their "age-in-place" home on their Cashmere property before Shane's retirement in preparation for growing old together.

Shane was thrilled to retire in 2013 to pursue a plethora of interests and hobbies. Shane loved spending summers fishing and boating on his friend Pete's ocean-going fish boat. Shane blissfully fished in Canada (Ucluelet and Winter Harbor) and Sitka, Alaska for salmon, ling cod and halibut for 15-years with Skipper Pete. Shane took fishing trips with his daughters, Thea and Kelsey, to the Pacific West Coast which he will never forget. Shane also enjoyed fishing the Columbia River with friends and his guide, Rusty. Shane prided himself as being a member of the "40-club" as he once caught a 44.5# salmon on the Columbia River. He was notorious for his smoked salmon and visitors often "showed up" unannounced when they smelled wafts of smoked salmon in the air. Shane loved to share his enthusiasm for fishing and volunteered at the Chelan County Fair setting-up and manning the fishing pond which was stocked with Kokanee for the youth to catch.

Shane took up hunting mushrooms with Ed, Robin and Vicky when he moved to Eastern WA. He enjoyed stomping around in the forest and spying morels. Judges of the Chelan County Fair recently awarded Shane with a Best of Class rosette for his dried morels. Wild mushrooms expanded the range of Shane's already vast cooking repertoire. He loved to cook and loved watching cooking shows to perfect his dishes. Shane was a die-hard Seahawk fan, holding season tickets with his longtime friend, Randy, before the Kingdome was even built. He even attended a Seahawk game in Charlotte, NC while visiting Kelsey and Nate.

Shane took many trips during his retirement. He traveled to Japan to spend

time with Cody and his grandson, Ocean, and devour the "best sushi and Udon noodles he has ever had". With a latte and breakfast burrito in hand, he was elated to see hundreds of colorful hot air balloons liftoff at the ABQ International Balloon Festival. Shane watched his first ever rocket launch at the Kennedy Space Center and enjoyed rollercoaster rides at Walt Disney World. He was thrilled to attend games 6 and 7 of the 2019 World Series in Houston, TX and had amazing adventures with family during reunions on the NC and OR coasts. He cherished his time with his family and friends in Wyoming, and visited his mother's grave. Shane had a very special and close relationship with his mother, Jackie. As firstborn and a devoted son, he cared for his elderly mother until she died.

Shane cherished his incredible friendships that helped him embrace all that life offered. Shane shared this wisdom: "Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely and pretty in a well-preserved bodybut rather to skid in broadside; thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming, "WOW, WHAT A RIDE!"

Shane was preceded in death by his son, Shane F. Quinn, Jr. (1970); father, Milton H. Quinn (2003); and mother Jacquelyn Y. Quinn (2017).

Shane is survived by his wife, Gina Quinn, and his children, Thea (Shawn) Wertman of East Wenatchee, WA; Kelsey Quinn (Nate Shaver) of Sanford, NC; and Cody Quinn of Cashmere, WA. He is survived by brothers, Brian (Laura) Quinn of Prairie Village, KS; Tracy (Rhonda) Quinn of Cheyenne, WY; and sister, Kelly (James) Gordon of Pine Bluffs, WY. He is survived by his grandchildren, Anastasia and Matthew Wertman; Ocean and Sky Quinn; and Griff Shaver. He is also survived by many RAD brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws, nephews and nieces whom he dearly loved.

Thanks to Dr. Tucker, Oncologist, Dr. Kummer, Radiation Oncologist, Dr.

McCormick, Palliative Care and Dr. Long, Internal Medicine for their loving attentive care and support over the years. A special heartfelt thanks to Central Washington Hospital Home Care and Hospice for his end-of- life care. Shane also appreciated and loved the wonderful meals and numerous uplifting visits from family and friends prior to his death.

You are invited to view Shane Forrest Quinn's online tribute at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com to share a memory or leave a condolence. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee & Cashmere.

Shane loved being on ANY body of water. He has requested his ashes be spread at Blue Lake on Opening Day of fishing, on the Columbia River and off the shores of Ucluelet, BC. Listen to a recent podcast by Micah, a 10-year-old fishing enthusiast who interviewed Shane about fishing. Go to podcasts.google.com then search "Catching Knowledge" and click on podcast #19: Shane Quinn. In Shane's memory, please prepare a seafood dish or buy a party tray of sushi or sashimi and enjoy it with your family and friends.

The family will be holding a private memorial at a date and place to be determined.

Tribute Wall

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“ Shane was one of the best friends I have ever known. We painted a number of houses together....worked together....he even took me to my 1st Seahawks game at the Kingdome. Shane also helped me paint my old 1935 Ford truck red....in his huge yard in Cashmere....just beyond his baseball diamond. I will forever miss Shane and consider myself very lucky to have known such a wonderful man. Rest easy my friend.

Steve L Howerton - May 03, 2021 at 09:44 AM

VC

“ Shane was a great friend of mine. We had many wonderful Sunday morning breakfasts and coffee together (Gina too!) He was a great painting buddy at Central Washington Hospital. We had some great laughter together. I will miss him!
Tomasz Cibicki

Vicky Cibicki - April 10, 2021 at 06:18 PM

VC

“ Shane was such a great brother-in-law....he was always the life of the gathering. Always a positive, humorous slant to everything. I'll never forget walking out of Derby Canyon after the Fischer Fire in 2004 with him with our cache of morels. What fun! I'll miss my fishing buddy at Blue Lake. We were always the first ones up to catch the morning bite at sunrise. All of the great swim team memories and the amazing family gatherings and incredible fish feeds. Thank you, Shane, for sharing yourself with us!
Vicky Cibicki

Vicky Cibicki - April 10, 2021 at 06:16 PM

JR

“ Dick and I enjoyed getting to know happy, positive, encouraging Shane at the Cashmere United Methodist Church gym SAIL classes. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Gina, and Shane's entire family for your loss. We are sure Shane made a positive impression on everyone who had the pleasure of getting to know him. With heartfelt sympathy, Dick and Julie Ryan

Julie Ryan - April 10, 2021 at 03:25 PM

MD

“ Short and sweet - A better friend will never be!

Mike Dingle - April 06, 2021 at 07:28 PM