



## Richard Simon Geistwhite

November 26, 1947 - January 1, 2023

Retired Lieutenant Rick Geistwhite passed away at his home on January 1st, 2023. Rick was an instrumental force in the creation of the Oregon State Police Honor Guard, the Dignitary Protection Unit, and the SWAT Team as they are known today.

Rick was born in Steubenville Ohio on November 26, 1947. He the oldest of three children born to Simon and Elizabeth Geistwhite. After finishing high school Rick served in the United States Air Force Honor Guard from August 9, 1969 to August 8, 1971 and joined the Oregon State Police in October of 1971 after working the summer as a Oregon State Police Cadet. He was stationed in Grants Pass, Eugene, Lincoln City, and finally in Salem. He retired On June 30, 2000.

Rick's retirement years were spent hunting and fishing but he continued to work as a Private Investigator and later as a consultant for threat assessment of the Oregon DMV offices.

Rick is survived by his wife of 34 years, Sue, his daughter Heidi, his grandchildren Anna and Max, and multiple cousins and nieces and nephews. Rick was preceded in death by his father, Simon, his mother, Elizabeth, his brother Michael, and his sister, Debbie.

Services will be held Friday, January 13th at 2:15 in the afternoon at

Willamette National Cemetery, with the ceremony provided by the Oregon State Police Honor Guard. A Celebration of Life will follow that ceremony at Parrett Mountain Tasting Room beginning at 4:00.

Please note that if you are attending the services at Willamette National Cemetery, it is suggested you arrive 30 minutes to 45 minutes ahead of time to be able to attend.

Likewise, if you are planning to attend the Celebration of Life at Parrett Mountain Cellars, please RSVP to [denmargrant@gmail.com](mailto:denmargrant@gmail.com) by Tuesday, January 10th.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 13. 2:15 PM (PT)

Willamette National Cemetery  
11800 SE Mt. Scott Blvd.  
Portland, OR 97086

*Please be advised to arrive at Willamette National Cemetery at least 30 mins. prior to the scheduled service time. You will need to check in with the Willamette National Cemetery Office to receive the staging location to go to and wait in your vehicle. At the appointed time the Cemetery Representative will lead the procession to the Committal Shelter for the the Service.*

## Celebration of Life

JAN 13. 4:00 PM (PT)

Parrett Mountain Cellars  
33434 NE Haugen RD  
Newbreg, OR 97132  
denmargrant@gmail.com  
<https://parrettmountaincellars.com/>

*If you are planning to attend the Celebration of Life, please RSVP to: [denmargrant@gmail.com](mailto:denmargrant@gmail.com) by Tuesday, January 10th. Thank you*

# Tribute Wall

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**Bonnie Houlihan** - January 14, 2023 at 03:53 PM

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“ One of a kind! He will be so missed but family and friends. Honored to have been your friend.

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**Bonnie Houlihan** - January 14, 2023 at 03:50 PM