



## Richard T. Wright

June 13, 1944 - November 28, 2016

Richard was born June 13, 1944 in Wenatchee, WA. He moved to Yakima where he attended grade school, junior high and high school. He graduated from Eisenhower High School in 1962. After graduation he moved to Salem, Oregon. This is where he met Linda.

He joined the U.S. Air Force in January 1965, and soon after was stationed at McCord Air Force Base in Tacoma, WA. He married Linda in December of 1965 and soon after started a family. In September of 1966, they welcomed Gregory, and 22 months later Christine completed their pursuit of the perfect family.

After completing his term in the Air Force, he and his perfect family moved to Salem, Oregon where he began working for Payless/Rite-Aid, and remained for 39 years.

Following his retirement in 2007, he enjoyed caring for 2 of his grandchildren after school, working in his yard, camping, and traveling. He most enjoyed traveling by cruise ship with friends and family, spending time at the Oregon Coast, visiting his son's lake house, and frequenting lively destinations such as Reno and Las Vegas. Though traveling was his passion, it was second to spending time with his family and friends.

In 2013 he was diagnosed with cancer, which he battled more than 3 years. Through this period, to include that following his terminal diagnosis in March 2016, he made the absolute most of every day and served as an inspiration for his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 51 years; Linda, son Gregory of Lake Tapps, WA, and daughter Christine of Newberg, OR. He too is survived by his beloved 5 grandchildren; Hailee, Payton, Jacob, Olivia, and Gabrielle, as well as his 2 brothers; Larry of Toppenish, WA and Gary of Yakima, WA.

Known as "Papa Rick" to not only his grandchildren, but many other friends and neighbors, he was adored and admired by many.

In lieu of flowers please send to: Providence Hospice Foundations, 1515 Portland Road, Suite 102, Newberg, Oregon 97132

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 2. 2:00 PM (PT)

Attrell's Funeral Chapel

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Newberg, OR 97132

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Attrell's Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard T. Wright*



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**Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel** - December 01, 2016 at 03:49 PM

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*Rick you are loved by many and will be greatly missed. I will miss your sense of humor at the card table. You were an awesome, caring man and I am blessed for having known you. My deepest sympathies to all your wonderful family.*

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**Candy** - December 01, 2016 at 04:28 PM

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*Rick it's not every day that your children's friends become friends of their parents and build the great bond that we have over the past years. It's been good times playing cards and laughing together, you always had the best attitude at the table win or loose. Thanks for everything that you have brought to my family and our relationship. I will be sending you a deck of cards to keep your skills up, so when we meet again, maybe I'll let you beat me!!!  
You will be greatly missed!!!*

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**Fred Rodley** - December 01, 2016 at 05:48 PM

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“ *Candy lit a candle in memory of Richard T. Wright*



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**Candy** - December 01, 2016 at 04:29 PM