



Richard William Ingraham III

May 28, 1957 - December 19, 2013

Richard passed away at the age of 56 on Thursday, December 19 of natural causes after finishing a perfect day of skiing at Mt Bachelor. Fittingly he passed in the Deschutes National Forest, the same wilderness he had devoted his entire life to working and playing in. Born May 28 , 1957 in San Francisco, CA he had his early schooling in Napa, Ca. His family moved to Bend, OR in 1970 where he graduated from Bend Senior High School in 1975. He studied Fire Science at COCC and began a 28 year career with the Forest Service. He was an accomplished skier and mountaineer. Among his accomplishments were ascending the Three Sisters in one day and trekking The Pacific Crest Trail from Mt. Bachelor to the Canadian border. He taught countless nieces, nephews, friends and strangers to ski and to love the alpine environment. In recent years he channeled his love of skiing and his passion for teaching into becoming an instructor for the Oregon Adaptive Ski program (OAS). He was an aspiring inventor and author who continuously sought to better those around him and spread his knowledge to others. He spent countless days, weeks and months fishing, hunting and enjoying the Central Oregon lifestyle. He was the quintessential "local" and surpasses the label of outdoors-man. Brought up in the Bay Area and Oregon he was fiercely loyal to the San Francisco Giants and 49ers, the Portland Trailblazers, and the Portland Timbers. He will be dearly missed by his mother and father, Dick & Jan Ingraham of Burns, OR; sister, Katie (Kathy) Rowles and husband Charlie, Bend, OR, brother Jeff Ingraham and wife, Jennifer, La Pine, OR,

nephews Scott Rowles and wife Amy, Bend, OR, and Andrew Ingraham, La Pine, OR, nieces, Kiersten Rowles and Heidi Freisen and husband Daniel, Bothel, WA, several aunts, uncles and cousins in Portland, OR and CA. Proceeded in death by Grandparents, Richard W. Ingraham SR, Manila, PI; Norton A. Forsyth, Santa Rosa, CA; Katherine Forsyth, Santa Rosa, CA; Margaret Warner Hagen, Seattle, WA. A celebration of Richards life will be held on Saturday, March 15 , 11:00am at Christian Life Center Church, 21720 E. Hwy 20, Bend, OR. In lieu of flowers, please send your donations to the Oregon Adaptive Ski program, 63025 OB Riley Rd, #12, Bend, OR 97701 in memory of Richard Ingraham.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

Tribute Wall

KL

“ Jan and Dick, Im so sorry to hear about Rick. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Have not seen you in a long time but hope you are doing well. Jeff sends his regards. Karen and Jeff

Karen Leagjeld - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Jan and Dick: Please allow me to send my love to you in your loss. (Since you now live in Burns, I do not have your address.) I wrap your family in Gods loving protection as you move through this difficult time. Kathleen Combs

Kathleen Combs - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ I graduated from Bend High with Rick. My deepest condolences.

Therese Hermens - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Jan and Dick I was visiting Bend over Christmas and read about your son in th paper. I didnt know Richard, but my friendship with the two of you goes back a long ways and I just wanted to offer my condollences on you loss, I can only imagine what you are gondg through. I just wanted to let you my thoughts and prayers are with you. Mike

Mike Hillis - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Very saddened to hear about Richards passing. Richard was a major contributor and lead sawyer on my 20 person slash burning/fire crew back in the days when he worked on the Willamette N.F. Richard was always an asset to have near and a great guy to hang out with. He will be missed.cs

Chris Schulte - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I just learned of Richâ€™s passing from my son. This is so sad, I hadnâ€™t seen him lately because Iâ€™ve not been skiing (new knee). Rick was a part of our life from the time he was a teen ager. When I saw him in he mountains he always inquired of my family and me. When he was in his teens, he was part of Cascade East Rescue. CER was a predecessor to the current Mountain Rescue Unit in Deschutes County Search and Rescue. As a member he did a particularly brave and harrowing thing on one mission, far more than one would ordinarily expect of a 17 year old boy. This is just one thing I remember, now with considerable sadness.

John Barton - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ I just found out about Richards passing moments ago. First Im sorry for his family and second for myself and all his other friends. Im just learning it from this web-site, so dont know details except its real and hes gone. Ill miss our philisophical conversations for sure and the sparkle in his eyes. Im glad he left us after a day on his skis. He was many things, but skier was right at the top of his list. I miss him.

Fred swisher - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ So sorry to hear the passing of Richard. Use to ski with Rick 70s > 90s till my knees went out. RIP Richard.

Bill Evans - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Very sad to hear of the passing of my old friend Richard. I met him in 1983 when we were both young firefighters on the Willamette National Forest, we later worked together on the Redmond Hotshot crew and spent many summer days on the fireline and winters skiing at Mt. Bachelor. We also skied together at Grand Targhee and Jackson Hole. Way too young to leave us so early. I will make some turns for you this week, RIP

Scott Stewart - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Rick, truly wonders whats up with the amazing universe we live in. One special memory was the late night we spent out by Peterman Cave, deliberately ignoring the keg, instead to wander between the sagebrush, as the stars wheeled overhead, discussing the nature of life and how to change the world. Rick, we must honor you by spending even more time outside and continue to do what we can to make this world a better place.

Jason Smith - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I am deeply saddened by the passing of Richard. He was one of my best buddies for exploring the Three Sisters Wilderness and environs for backpacking and skiing. Will miss him dearly as he always had that demeanor of Rick which the above picture has captured to a small measure. Keep on exploring Rick! Will miss ya!! My sincere sympathies to the Ingraham family. Alan Miles Class of 75

Alan Miles - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ So sorry to hear of Richards passing in December. Remember him well from Mt. Bachelor and High School. Saw his picture recently while thumbing through one of the old yearbooks and just found out he was gone. We share in your loss. The Williams Family Greg, Misha and Jamin Crescent, OR

Greg Williams - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ I remember when Rick first moved to Bend, he had the coolest red sneakers and he was always such a great big brother to us little kids on the block. With sincere condolences to Richard, Jan, Katie, and Jeff from Kent Carter who used to live across the street on NE 14th.

Kent Carter - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM