



Thomas Richard Kirkpatrick

October 15, 1935 - July 11, 2020

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Thomas, the son of Jack Collins Kirkpatrick and Beulah Evelyn Strickland was born on October 15th, 1935 in Oakley California. Thomas had an older brother Donald who still lives in this area and a half brother Robert and two half-sisters June and Terry Olmo of the Oakdale Ca area.

On October 25th, 1958 Thomas would marry Ruth Ann Hoover and had two children Michael Thomas born March 8th, 1960 and Barbara Ann born June 2nd, 1961.

Thomas worked as a carpenter and had an eye for craftsmanship and detail. Thomas saw an opportunity and in the summer of 1968 he and his family of four move to Bend Oregon. He would eventually start his own business and built many beautiful homes in the area.

In the spring of 1980 during a long economic recession Thomas decided to try something new. He called his friend, Douglas Coats who specialized in heavy concrete construction. The work was hard, and he would have to travel, but to him it was new and exciting, he loved it. He got to meet people and see Oregon and captured many beautiful photos of places his work travels took him to. It would be hard to drive anywhere that he has not been to or worked.

Thomas would eventually settle down in Prineville Oregon and would work for two of his closest friends Donald and Frank Porfily and would retire there.

Thomas had three favorites, his dog Poncho, his camera and fishing. He was always hitting the local lakes, rivers and streams and would head to Alaska with his friends, Donald and Frank for the summer.

Thomas had five grandchildren, Joseph Wayne, Nicole Marie and Bryon Thomas Kirkpatrick, Trevor Allen and Danielle Megan O'Hare, five Great Grandchildren, Jacy Edwards, Caleb and Grant Kirkpatrick, Kailey and Riley Creamer all in the Central Oregon Area.

In the winter of 2016 Thomas was diagnosed with severe dementia and lived very comfortably in the memory care facility of Ashley Manor.

On July 11th 2020 Thomas passed away with his two children by his side.

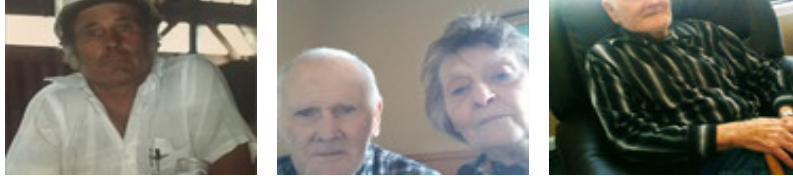
The greatest father and friend will truly be missed.

The family has decided not to do a gathering at this time.

Tribute Wall



“ 3 files added to the album *Obituary Wall*



Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 02:49 PM

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“ *The young and wonderful husband I will always love. 1984 or 1985 photo not sure, I didn't take it, but it is the man I remember so well. His beautiful eyes. My Richard, as he was always that to me. His youth and family still to this day call him Dick. We all miss him. Kids most of all, they loved and love their dad. It is only a few days until a year since he left us. Still the grief of his loss invades to tears. Worthy tears of love.*

Ruth Kirkpatrick - July 04, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Thomas Richard Kirkpatrick*

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“ *Toady is your birthday Tom, and we miss you so much. Tonight the kids invited me to share supper with them on a memory day of you and we went to the Elks for their great burgers and talked of you and others, enjoying our time. Michael said he thought of you a lot today and Barbie, murmured, Ya. We love you. I know others also thought of you today too, your brothers and sister, and I too. Good night now.*

Ruth Kirkpatrick - October 15, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Hard to believe you have been gone over two months now, I miss you Richard. Here is a candle in your favorite color, just visiting today.*

Ruth Kirkpatrick - September 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *We are thinking of you.*

Don, Lori, and Andrea - August 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RK

“Michael and Barbie loved their dad so much and will miss him always. His Obituary was written beautifully by them and it is a lovely children's memory of him. He was a wonderful father, and husband to me and we were best friends until the end. The kids worked a lot with their dad in building so many homes here, from the time they could pack wood or pound nails or whatever. When Michael turned 16 his dad gave him the El Camino; which he had customized and when Barbie turned 16, he bought her a 1965 pale blue Mustang. That is the father he always was, giving and loving. His sense of humor was something we all enjoyed, always teasing with a twinkle in his eyes.

Always working tirelessly to meet deadlines for his home buyers, his work is a legacy of trust. We were a family business for over 10 years here in Bend building many homes; and then Michael worked with him on bridges and highway projects all over Oregon, N. California, Idaho and southern Washington. Because of COVID we have all decided to wait and not do a family gathering now. But memories are meant to hold and or share, so these memories I wish to share. One is a photo as I came through the door to visit him, the other is the day after Christmas 2019 before COVID shut us all away. It is lovely. Every one of you have memories of childhood and youth, and we loved the times we all had together in California when the children were all so young. Oregon was a much longer time, over 50 years here where the kids grew up here, married and have families. His life was lived to the fullest and we loved and will love him always. One of a kind, Thomas Richard Kirkpatrick. Ruth Kirkpatrick

Ruth Kirkpatrick - August 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *The few times we met, he told us nice stories of Alaska and ice fishing..he made us laugh. So sorry for your loss and to all his families and friends in bend . Our sympathy and prayers, from Rita&Jim creamer in Tampa fl*

Rita Creamer - August 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM