



Richard M Harris

February 7, 1952 - November 23, 2022

Richard Michael Harris, age 70, of Chelan, WA, passed away Wednesday, November 23, 2022. He was born February 7, 1952, to Vernon and Eleanor Harris at the Lake Chelan hospital. He graduated from Chelan High School, in 1970, and received his BS from Eastern Washington University, in 1975. He planned to major in music while being a part of the universities choir, and then later, changed his major to business. During his tenure at EWU, he met and sustained many lifelong friendships that were very dear to him.

After college Richard was hired by Seafirst Bank and started his banking career in Wenatchee, WA. After a couple years, he took a job with Cashmere Valley Bank in Cashmere, WA. In 1982, he became the manager of the Leavenworth branch, where he stayed until his illness forced him to retire, in 2015. After retirement, they moved to the “Riverhouse” north of Chelan on the Columbia River.

Richard met his wife, Jan Reinhart, in 1983. They had many adventures including high mountain horseback trips, boating on Lake Chelan, traveling in Europe, Hawaii, and driving all over North America. They also loved to watch their grandchildren and would often travel many miles to cheer them on.

Richard was an avid hunter and loved being in the woods.

Richard is survived by his wife, Jan Reinhart; stepsons: Kirby Reinhart (Kris) and Ryan Reinhart (Angela). “Papa Rich” had five grandchildren that he was very proud of: Megan, Greg, Hunter, Jaily, and Kellen. Richard also had three sisters: Verneta (Cliff) Carstens, Karen, and Jeanne (Howard)

Thiemens; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers please make a contribution to the Alzheimer's Association.

There will be a celebration of life next summer at the Riverhouse.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard M Harris*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *He will truly be missed. He was such a kind, caring and giving guy. He had such a big heart. I have so many great memories of trips I got to take with Him and Jan. I will cherish them forever. Sending lots of prayers, love and hugs to you all. Love you all*

cheri reinhart - December 05, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ *Oh my, but the memories do flood in when it comes to Rich. Him knocking on my door at the triplex on Whitman cuz he smelled what was cooking from upstairs. Pig roasts where we dug up the back yard and buried our dinner. Beast feasts at his place on Tigner in Cashmere where Everyone brought their favorite wild game to add. Lazy days in the sun on the river up in Chelan. A very good friend to myself and extended family. See you on the other side my friend. My thoughts are with Jan at this difficult time.*

Chris Walton - December 05, 2022 at 10:37 AM



Oh yes. Great memories. You are in my thoughts and prayers Jan.

Elken Rohrbach - December 05, 2022 at 10:45 AM

AH

“ Rich will truly be missed by so many. Rich hired me to work at the Leavenworth branch of Cashmere Valley Bank and he made working at the bank so much fun. I learned so much from him. Rich loved life and I am so glad that he shared that love of life with all who knew him. May the happy memories bring comfort to Jan and the family. I am very sorry he is gone but I am also very happy to have known him.

Annie Horey

Annie Horey - December 05, 2022 at 03:37 AM

CF

“ I worked at Cashmere Valley Bank with Rich through his entire career. He was a great story teller and I always said it could make a party out of any event to get the job done. He was a great guy and made work fun for everyone in the office. Prayers and condolences to Jan and the family. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Connie Fritz - December 05, 2022 at 01:50 AM

TM

“ *Memories from Terry McFadden Class of 1970 Chelan High School*

Richard class of 1970, and I spent all of Chelan school years being friends. In High School we both were a part of Steve Sturtz's, Band, Stage Band, Choir and Swing Choir groups. Richard played the clarinet. I played alto saxophone and during High School and was the Drum Major for Chelan Band, Drill Team etc.

Richard was well liked by our class. In adult, we would connect with each other at class friends' events in Chelan.

Richard will be missed by many.

My sympathy goes out to Jan and the family and will keep you in our prayers.

Terry

Terry McFadden - December 03, 2022 at 03:21 PM

CB

“ *I was blessed to spend 25 years working alongside Rich. My memory bank is so full of wonderful times with him. He had a huge heart and loved life. No one could do the Tarzan yell like him and now heaven just got more fun. He was a special person and will be missed by so many. Ron and I offer our sincere sympathies to Jan and the rest of his family. Youi are all in our prayers, Carolyn and Ron Barnes*

Carolyn Barnes - December 03, 2022 at 12:18 PM

BB

“ So very very sorry Jan and family we truly knew rich as a wonderful friend and neighbor for so many many years he will be missed by all we will keep you in our prayers always Larry and Barbara Brady

Barbara Brady - November 26, 2022 at 03:40 PM