



Richard "Rick" A. Wootan

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Richard A. (Rick) Wootan was born July 22, 1963 to Daniel R. (Dick) and Carol Wootan of Deer Island, OR. His grandparents were Maurice (Morris) and Martha (Patty) Wootan and Earl and Ruth Hanifin also all of Deer Island.

Rick passed away on October 9th, 2020 at his home in the Cedar Mill area surrounded by family and friends and his beloved cat, Huey.

Rick is survived by his son Timothy (Tim) Danial (Kayla) of Cedar Mills, ex-wife Shelley Wootan of Scappoose, Sister Jill Culver (Kelly) of Astoria. Uncle Doug Wootan (Barbara, Gail & Karen) Uncle Jim Wootan (Melanie & Logan). Aunt Rosemary Sickles (Ron & Robert), Niece Shelby Mendoza (Tony), Nephew Brad Culver (Mykka) and great niece Payton whom Rick could not wait to meet. Bonus Brissett and Alby Families. Also, numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is pre-deceased by parents Dick and Carlene Wootan and Carol Steward and grandparents.

Rick was born and raised in Deer Island, OR. He attended grades 1-4 in Columbia City, OR and attended grades 5-6 in Deer Island, OR. Rick was the 3rd Generation in our family to attend Deer Island School, graduating from St. Helens High School in 1981. Rick spent his childhood, outdoors, fishing, playing with friends, time on the family tree-farm and picking strawberries like every local kid growing up in that era.

Rick enlisted in the US Army in 1981 and completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Attended Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey CA. Rick was stationed in Panama for two years with focus on electronic warfare signal intelligence voice interceptor/translator. He was fluent in Spanish and Czechoslovakian.

When Rick got out of the military, he met his wife Shelley Wootan and married in 1992. They later divorced, but had their pride and joy, Timothy Danial Wootan, who was named after Rick's best friend Tim Gamet. Rick was in Logistic Sales and Operations where he excelled and rose to the top of this field.



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In 2003 Rick decided to get sober and never looked back. He was very proud of his sobriety and encouraged others. In 2017 Rick was diagnosed with Pulmonary Fibrosis and retired in 2019.

Over recent years, Rick started a couple of new collections including hot rods and guitars. He started off his muscle car purchases with a Dodge Magnum R/T followed by his Mustang GT. His love for music fueled his love for guitars with his pride and joy being a Fender Semi Hollow body Telecaster.

Rick loved his family and friends, and his humor will be greatly missed. He was loving and kind and enjoyed his cats Fluffy and Huey and his grand dogs Katie and Riley.

At Ricks request there will be no service. His cremains will be spread at the family tree farm in Deer Island, OR. Donations can be made to Columbia County Historical Society and Museum Association or the St. Helens Alano Club. Please sign our online guestbook at www.columbiafh.com



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EM

Eduardo A. Moos posted:

Please accept my condolences for the passing of Rick. He was one of my Spanish students at the Defense Language Institute quite a number of years ago, and we kept in touch via fb and telephone from time to time. I was quite saddened to learn of his death. My prayers go out to the family. Que descansas en paz amigo Rick. Eduardo A. Moos

November 23 at 1:43 PM

JA

Jose G Martínez-Perez, 1Sg Us Army Ret posted:

I had the pleasure to be his supervisor while he was stationed in Panama (1985 & 86). I can proudly say that he was a great soldier, friend and person. Always looking after himself and others! I know it's hard to lose a loved one but I pray that God give the family peace and strength through these hard moments, but we know that now he is in peace and happiness for eternity. God blessed you brother!

November 6 at 3:59 AM

DC

Doug Crowley posted:

Sad to hear of Rick's passing. It was an honor to serve with him in the 80's. Our command in Panama was comprised of several branches of the military who tended to stick with their own. Notably, Rick was equally at ease working or hanging with members of all branches and was always up for an adventure. Seemed like everyone at Galeta knew Woot! A unique slice of God's work. Fair winds and following seas my brother. Ya left us a bit early, but left your mark on the world. Doug C.

November 5 at 2:35 PM

KH

Karen Hatten posted:

A beautiful tribute to Rick. I will miss his FB posts. I knew Rick in Panama. We were on the same trick/shift. He was smart and very entertaining to be around. Never a dull moment. Rick, I know you are smiling down on us and having a good laugh. Until we meet again 🙏❤️

November 5 at 12:33 PM



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WG

Warren Gould posted:

Rick and I played little league baseball together and his dad was the coach. We remained all through high school. We spent some time together catching up through his illness and I will never forget the laughs and spending a day with him on the tree farm. RIP my friend, I will see you again one day.

November 5 at 11:25 AM

JB

Julie Broders November 7 at 8:32 PM

I miss you Rick Wooten. You have been such a great friend to me & I will miss you so much. Uou were always there for me. I love you & wish you were here. Enjoy heaven my wonderful friend. I'll miss you always. Rest in peace

ML

Michelle Larsen posted:

Rick was a true individual. A character larger than life. I enjoyed his little pod casts and his signature sign off. His wit and love of family and pets was wonderful. He could complete the NYTimes sunday crossword in under an hour, astounding. He had a wealth of life experience and talent. His wood works were lovely, any of you that have one should hang onto it. Missing his posts of Huey and the man shed. Breathe well on the otherside. We have enough family there to keep you busy.Until we meet again,"Adios, mother f×*#er."

November 5 at 7:12 AM

DW

Darren Wood posted:

I always considered Rick a good friend. I will miss his infinite wisdom and humor. I know he and Tim G are reunited in heaven. Saddened by the loss. Peace be with you my friend.

November 4 at 10:59 PM

MA

Myra Addington posted:

Rick I am so very sad you are not here making me laugh, bit I am so very happy you are no longer in pain and can take deep pain free breaths. I was so grateful you made the carpool to work so much better. We could start the day with a smile.

November 4 at 4:17 PM



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MS

Mark Stephens posted:

Rick was the best of us. He was a good friend for many years. Rest easy old friend. I will miss him greatly. Mark Stephens, Sergeant First Class, US Army, Retired

November 2 at 1:35 PM

TR

Trudy posted:

Rick, you were a good guy, and a great dad to Tim. You will be missed.

October 29 at 8:35 AM

BL

Bonnie Lucas posted:

Rick we had great times at church camp, getting in trouble and such! I'm glad you found me on facebook. We may not have agreed on some stuff, but of course that seems so trivial now. Wish I would have had a chance to say goodbye. Will miss your smarty pants comments and messages. Will see you on the other side.

October 27 at 3:02 AM

LZ

Leona Ruth Zimmer posted:

Rick, I hate goodbyes. I will miss chatting about old days and old friends. You had some good memories about Deer Island and Canaan Rd. families. I loved your Dad & Mom. They raised two good kids. I'm going to miss you. Loved you! See Ya! Your Friend Leona.

October 20 at 10:00 AM

CH

Cindy Hinshaw posted:

Rick, you are missed by so many. Facebook is not the same without you. I always would see your posts first thing everyday, and they always made me laugh. You were a great friend and a great person. I know Huey is looking for you. The world lost a great person when we lost you. Jill and Tim, you are in our thoughts and prayers. I know this is such a difficult time for you. You have so many people that are here for you. Rick loved you all with his whole heart. Take care. Chuck and Cindy Hinshaw

October 16 at 12:12 PM



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October 16 at 5:40 AM



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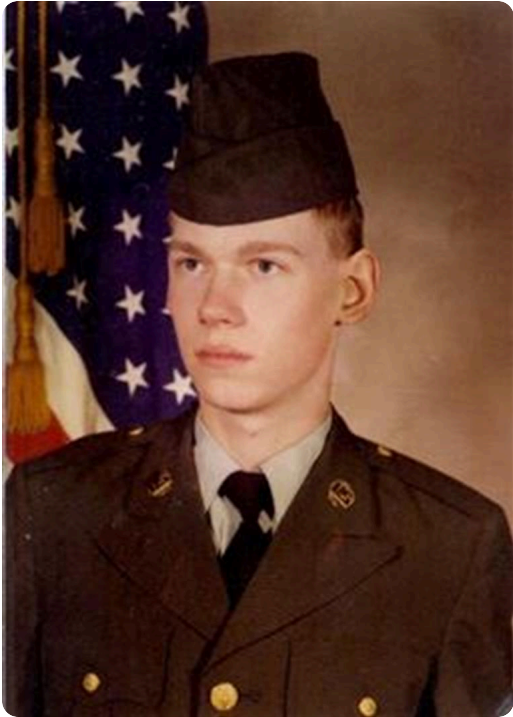
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