



Randy Gray Sykes Jr.

May 28, 1954 - April 25, 2019

Randolph Gray Sykes Jr. was born May 28 1954 in Honolulu Hawaii. The first of seven children for Mary Margret Murray and Randolph Gray Sykes.

Randy lived in Hawaii, Guam and Washington in his early years as his father was in the Navy, He always spoke fondly of those years running barefoot in Guam playing with his Tonka trucks with his brothers. Riding on a ship coming back to the states.

The family settled in Scappoose in the 60's. Randy attended Scappoose schools and graduated from Scappoose High School in 1972. From there he went on to work for the Railroad, then the shipyard and spent the final years of his career working for Morgan industries at Intel. He was a member of the UA Union Local No 290.

Randy greatest passion was his cars. He loved cars and anyone who knows him knows it was Fords. He looked forward every year to the Portland Swap meet and sitting and talking with all his buddies. He often took a couple cars to sell and would end up coming home with more than he took. He just could not pass up an ole Ford. He often would buy an entire car just to get one or two parts off it.

Randy had a big heart and was the one everyone went to when they were in need. He was always helping someone out and didn't want any attention for doing so.

Randy met the love of his life Lorene Conn. He spent the last 11 years of his life with Lorene. He was her knight in shiny armor. They enjoyed going to auctions, out to dinner with friends, trips to the beach and cruising in their convertibles. They attended many of the local car shows. One of their yearly trips was the End of World Rod Run. He loved the Long beach – Ocean Park area.

In July 2018 Randy had a stroke and while recovering from the stroke his cancer returned. They were unable to treat the cancer this time. He fought for 10 months but there was not a miracle to be found and he lost his battle April 25. He passed peacefully at home with his wife Lorene and friend Patty James at his side.

Randy is survived by his wife Lorene, step daughter Valerie Gagnier (Matt) and grandson Henry. Special friend Patty James. Brothers: Norman, Michael (Gail), Jerry (Lynn), Darryl (Shauna) and Duane (Tami). Nephews: Tyrus Sykes, Alex Sykes, John Ihle (Christina), Brandon Sykes. Nieces: Jackie Sykes (Kristin) , Bella Sykes, Rosie Sykes, Elke Town (Zac), Jessica Olmos (Robert), Tiffany Ihle, Rachel White (Jeff), Crystal Romero and

several great nieces and nephews. Randy was preceded in death by his parents Randolph Sr & Mary Sykes and Sister Debbie Sykes.

A Service will be held at the St Helens Moose Lodge May 4th from 12-3PM

Please sign our online guestbook at www.columbiafh.com

Cemetery

Columbia Memorial Gardens

54490 Columbia River Hwy.

Scappoose, OR, 97056

Comments



“ I have known Randy since August of 1974 when we both signed on as new employees at the Union Pacific Rail Road "Car Shop" on Swan Island . I will never forget all of the support he gave me thru a painful divorce I struggled thru involving my two very young daughters in 1977.

Following those years, and much later in life, Randy became very influential in my battle with Lung Cancer and shared many recipies and non medical options to traditional medical cures such as Chemo and Radiation... I tried many some of those but in the end am enjoying an extension of life through a new Immino therapy being made availble thru the VA in Portland's VA hospital.

During much of my lifetime I have many times looked forward to my trips out to Chapman to sit and discuss issues and often argue a bit pf politics with Randy. We both quite often saw political issues differently, finally comming to the realization that they best remained off of the table and out of our conversations. Through out all of that, Randy and I remained friends... one I always felt happy to shae stories with.

He loved his family deeply which you soon discovered when talking with him. I remember him loosing his dad years back and the loss he felt and shared with me somewhat as he re-lived their passed shared hunts for both deer and elk, the loads of firewood he often described that he, his dad, and brothers cut and sold in Portland.

Randy felt and shared the Great Pride felt in the beautiful pieces of leather work his dad created in his Saddle Shop. My family still ownes and enjoys a Saddle Randy's dad rebuilt for us.

He often told me of his dad's continual displeasure with his growing Ford car and pick up collection at the family home site.

Randy kind of shook that off as a dog does rain water with a smile on his face.

Randy was IMO, truely a One Of a Kind and a person whom I will go on thinking of and remembering with warrness in my chest.

In conversation with my wife and other family members, I, as a person with very few good friends throughout my life always reverred Randy as perhaps the Best of Them.

I loved Randy and will miss him deeply... My heart goes out to his Family... Call me if there is anything I can do.

Gene Carroll



“ Gene Carroll lit a candle in memory of Randy Gray Sykes Jr.



Gene Carroll - May 18, 2019 at 12:06 PM



“ Julie Mann lit a candle in memory of Randy Gray Sykes Jr.



Julie Mann - May 15, 2019 at 02:59 AM



“ The world has lost a wonderful person. My condolences to Randys family. I will always have the memory of Randy napping or BS'ing in office at Far west.

Julie Mann - May 15, 2019 at 02:59 AM



“ Cindy & Ron Matzen lit a candle in memory of Randy Gray Sykes Jr.



cindy & ron matzen - May 02, 2019 at 05:56 PM



“ Sending comforting thoughts and prayers to the Sykes Family. I remember Randy in grade school and high school. He like cars back then too. Sorry to hear about his passing. Bob Gadotti

Bob Gadotti - May 02, 2019 at 07:55 AM



“ 4 files added to the album Randy



Lorene Sykes - May 01, 2019 at 11:26 PM



“ I Loved randy,he was such a great person with a heart bigger than a ford car,loved his laugh and his banter about so many subjects..he will be missed sooooo much.there are people you are better for knowing and randy was one

john stevens - May 01, 2019 at 10:50 PM



“ Kathy Cooper Ashley lit a candle in memory of Randy Gray Sykes Jr.



Kathy Cooper Ashley - May 01, 2019 at 07:50 PM