



Bouke A. Verkerk

March 1, 1952 - August 5, 2019

Bouke Armand Verkerk of Wenatchee, WA finished his race with Pulmonary Fibrosis on Monday, August 5th, 2019 at 9:30 am at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle, WA.

Born in Jakarta, Indonesia on March 1st, 1952 to Albert Bouke and Frida Verkerk. Bouke was the younger of 2 brothers. The Verkerk Family decided to return to the Netherlands (Holland) in 1955 when Bouke was 3 years old due to increasing turmoil after Indonesia took its independence from the Dutch in 1945. The Verkerk family then immigrated to the United States in August of 1962 to make a better life and have more opportunities. They settled in Boise, Idaho. Bouke was a young schoolboy who only spoke Dutch and had to learn about the cultures and language of his new home. Bouke graduated from Boise High School in 1970 and later completed an Automotive Technician program at Boise State College in 1971. After college he moved to Wenatchee, WA to start a family. He married Toni Rotert at Ohme Gardens in Wenatchee and they have 2 children. Bouke was later divorced and never remarried, however, he had a long time relationship with his companion Linda "Lilee" Potts up until his passing. Bouke retired from the Chelan County P.U.D. after 29 years as a Fleet Services Manager, sadly, he did not get to enjoy the promises of retirement due to his illness. He would often dream of living life fully when he got his new set of lungs.

Bouke enjoyed life to its fullest. He adamantly enjoyed the wind through his hair, thus his love of motorcycle rides and bicycling. He also believed deeply

in humanity and the community. Always willing to help anyone. He also had a soft spot in his heart for animals and the humane society. Most importantly he loved and supported his two sons, Chris and Nick, and his six grandchildren, Austin, Kayden, McKenzie, Addisyn, Caleb, and Brayden.

He is survived by his sons Chris (Julie) Verkerk & Nick Verkerk and 6 grandchildren; Austin Foster, Kaden Verkerk, McKenzie Verkerk, Addisyn Verkerk, Caleb Verkerk and Brayden Verkerk. He is preceded in death by his Mother Frida Verkerk, Father Albert Bouke Verkerk, and his Brother Frans Daniel Verkerk.

Celebration of life will be held Saturday, August 24th, 2019 2:00 pm at Saddle Rock Presbyterian Church 1400 S. Miller St, Wenatchee, WA. Reception to follow at Columbia Valley Brewing, 538 Riverside Dr, Wenatchee, WA. In Lieu of flowers, Bouke requested donations be made to the Wenatchee Valley Humane Society <http://www.wvhsremembering.everydayhero.com/us/in-loving-memory-of-bouke-verkerk>.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church
1400 S Miller
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Bouke for over 25 years. He was always there when I needed him a helping hand or encouraging word. He never sat still, helping someone, moving something, gone for a bike ride or just making coffee. He was quick with a laugh or a smile. I will greatly miss him he was my friend.

Quenton Corn and family

Quenton Corn - August 14, 2019 at 02:08 PM

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“ Bouke was & always will be my favorite brother in law. I was introduced to Bouke & his family at his mom's house (Oma). He had two wild children & wife with him. The children being Chis & Nick. Bouke was a wonderful person who was liked by everyone who met him. He was dad of the year many times over. He really loved his family. Every trip the vehicle was loaded with bikes for everyone. Bouke always put others needs & happiness over his own. I loved his smile, laugh, & gusto for life. You were one of a kind & all of us will smile when we think of our times with you, Bouke. I have always loved you!!



Terese Verkerk Orban, Boise, Idaho

Terese Orban - August 09, 2019 at 05:12 PM

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“ I first met Bouke when he worked at Elder Auto Parts. His great sense of humor and quick comebacks were always fun and entertaining. We were fortunate to meet up with him later in our lives and enjoy riding motorcycles together. The trips to Joseph, OR were especially memorable with our "gang".

"Ride on our friend!"

Jim & Mary Kaiser

James and Mary Kaiser - August 09, 2019 at 12:13 PM

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“ Dear Verkerk family,

Bob and I are so terribly saddened by Bouke's illness and passing. He will be remembered fondly by us.

We met Bouke when he was a sophomore at Boise High School.

We double dated (Toni and Bouke), Bob and I. Bouke and Bob hit it right off. We always said Bouke was the brother he never had.

There are so many good memories. Bouke had such a great personality and was so enjoyable to be around. He was truly a good father and friend.

Rest well dear one, until we all meet again.

Bob and JoAnn Queen Boise, Idaho)

JoAnn Queen - August 08, 2019 at 05:49 PM