



Rex A. Sayre

October 2, 1947 - July 12, 2015

Rex Alan Sayre went to be with our Lord after a courageous and dignified battle with melanoma on July 12, 2015. Rex was born October 2, 1947 in Renton, Washington. He was the 3rd child born to Max and Loretta Sayre. Rex attended Riverton Heights and Sunnysdale Elementary Schools, Sunset Jr. High School and graduated from Highline High School in 1966. He then joined the Navy and was stationed in California aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise which took him to Viet Nam. After that tour of duty, he was aboard the aircraft carrier USS Roosevelt in the Mediterranean. In June of 1971 he married the love of his life, Taffi Martini, whom he had known since first grade. They celebrated their last anniversary together on June 19, 2015 after 44 years of dedication to one another.

In 2001 Rex retired from Safeway where he worked as a meat cutter for 38 years. Taffi retired as well and they moved to Omak in 2002 to start their retirement years on small ranch, where Rex always had a large garden. Rex enjoyed the outdoors. There was always somewhere to camp, a bird or deer to hunt and one more fish to catch. When winter came, he would retreat to his immaculate shop where he built many things, including a fly fishing boat, several model boats. He also refurbished antique outboard motors.

In 2014 Rex and Taffi moved to East Wenatchee to be closer to family and his doctors. Rex willingly went through several cancer trial treatments so doctors and patients alike would benefit in the fight to cure this horrible disease. He always thought of others.

He had tremendous faith, always giving the glory to God. He was thankful for the love of his wife, who never left his side and the outstanding medical care he received. These things kept him going the last 4 years.

Rex is survived by his wife Taffi; his brother Tom and Sylvia of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas; sister Sandra McAllister of Snohomish; and brother Jon and Hazel of Olympia. He is loved and respected as a brother, brother-in-law, and uncle to his many nieces and nephews. His loving companion, Maggie, his Brittany Spaniel will especially miss him. Rex will be remembered by many, for his quirky sense of humor, his wonderful smile and his kindness to all.

A special thanks to Hospice.....especially to Allison and Corey, for their wonderful care of Rex and their encouragement and support of Taffi.

A Memorial service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in East Wenatchee on Thursday August 20th at 1 o'clock. After the service please join us for a light meal and memories of Rex. Remembrances may be made to Hospice of Wenatchee, the Wenatchee Humane Society or Wounded Warriors Project. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **20**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Faith Lutheran Missouri Synod
171 Eastmont Ave E
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rex A. Sayre



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - August 18, 2015 at 02:20 PM

SM

Joanie and Steve, thought you would enjoy this slideshow of Rex.

Love, Sandra

Sandra McAllister - August 22, 2015 at 11:18 AM

SM

“ *Dear, dear brother, I'm sitting here listening to your favorite songs as you smile at me from your pictures. What a wonderful life! You are loved and missed.....Sis*

Sandra McAllister - September 08, 2015 at 09:51 PM

JT

“ *Although We were only able to see uncle Rex a few times over the last several years. We enjoyed each visit very much. Each time it was just like we had just seen each other last week. Always that big smile and truly happy to see you. Aunt Taffi we are very sorry for your loss, but happy that Rex is free from the pain of his illness.*

James and Pat Thomas - August 27, 2015 at 01:19 AM

MA

“ For my uncle.....Grannie's in the cellar but you are most definitely in heaven. Love, your niece.

Marcy - August 16, 2015 at 10:57 AM

MS

“ I will miss my Uncle so very much. I have so many memories of fun times, sad times and family times with him. He helped me develop my sense of humor and taught me so many lessons of what loyalty and love can mean. I will always carry him in my heart. I love you, UR. Love from me, Marcy



Marcy Schley - August 16, 2015 at 09:35 AM

JS

“ Will miss you brother but I will see you again and I won't be late! Keep an eye on me.
Jon

Jon Sayre - July 27, 2015 at 07:19 PM

BE

“ Dear Sayre Family: Jim and I send all your family our loving condolences. Although it has been many years since we have seen Rex and Taffi, we have kept you in our prayers knowing of Rex's struggle with melanoma from talking to Jon. Blessings and love, Jim and Billie Eberle

Billie Eberle - July 26, 2015 at 11:28 PM

MT

Rex's life was so well lived. His life is an example for others. I am so sorry he is gone, but he will never be forgotten.

Marilyn Thomas - August 28, 2015 at 07:44 PM

BR

“ Taffi, I feel terrible for you, family and friends to have lost Rex. I can relate all to well with Melanoma cancer. Just one year and three weeks ago I lost my brother Cliff to this dreadful disease. Cliff only survived 152 days, but like Rex he fought it to the very end. As you know I first met Rex at Sunnydale Elementary School. He was the funniest guy in class and always had us laughing from the back of the classroom with his sense of humor! I've often thought of you both, whenever Kathy and I ventured to the Omak area on a camping/fishing trip. I wish I could be at his memorial, however I and my grandson and a buddy of mine are taking the boys on a fishing trip that has been planned for months. Again, I'm sending my deepest condolences to you and your family. He was one of the greatest classmates, I ever had the pleasure to get to know. He will now be at peace in Heaven and having everyone laughing until it hurts! Take care of yourself and may God bless you and give you the strength to carry on in Rex's behalf! Until we all meet again, your's and Rex's old friend. Warmest Regards, Brad Running

Brad Running - July 26, 2015 at 09:46 PM