



Richard McAmis

October 15, 1943 - April 25, 2024

Richard McAmis was born in Kingsport, TN. He graduated from Dobyns-Bennett High School, in 1961, and then attended East Tennessee State College, where he became a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. His later travels took him to Ephrata, WA, where he met and married Esther Carlson on February 2, 1974, becoming an instant and much-loved stepdad to her three adult children. They settled in Soap Lake, WA, and lived there until moving to Wenatchee, WA, in 2002, when Richard retired from ASMI in Moses Lake, WA, after the Company relocated out of state.

Richard and Esther's life together was full of so many fun and diverse memories, several business adventures, political debates, travel, and lots of time spent with family. Richard was known for his gentle spirit, intelligence, quick wit, and devotion to those he loved. He was always willing to lend an ear, give advice, or just offer his support to those who came to him. He will be dearly missed by all of us who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Esther McAmis, in 2016. He leaves behind three stepdaughters: Madchen Sen, Renee Belisle, and Nikki Keating; six grandchildren: Gabriel, Tanner, Lily, Rumer, Brittney, and Taylor; and six great-grandchildren: Piper, Odessa, Pandi, Tatum, Harper, and Sloane.

Cremation has taken place and a private Memorial and Celebration of his Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Jones & Jones-Betts, Wenatchee, WA.

Tribute Wall

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Nikki Keating - May 02, 2024 at 12:16 PM

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Nikki Keating - May 02, 2024 at 11:28 AM

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“ I have known Richard for more than 60 years as we grew up in the same town. He has always been a nice and fun guy and very caring. Richard graduated from high school and went on to East Tennessee State College. He became a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity there and enjoyed going to college there. He had many good friends at college. We have stayed close friends for all these years, we have fun just talking about anything, laughing a lot together and we both have been good at giving each other good advice over the years. I will miss Richard very much and sure miss his calls and jokes and his comforting words, but am glad he is no longer suffering. He will be in my heart forever.

Becky Wells - May 01, 2024 at 11:04 PM

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Thanks Becky, I am sure your friendship and support over the years has helped Richard thru difficult times and brought him comfort and lots of laughter as well. Thanks for being there for him.

Nikki Keating - May 02, 2024 at 12:14 PM

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Thank you so very much for sharing the pictures of Richard and the family. I treasure those so much. It is so hard to realize that he is really gone, no more phone chats and emails and laughs and knowing we both are there for each other. I do still talk to him when good or hard things are happening and am sure I'll get a good answer. Our adored grandson Seth was killed on Mother's Day by a drunken druggie in his other grandparent's driveway. He was 6 and this Sept 20th he would be 30. He was the love of our lives and had such a sweet and great sense of humor and three years later, he sent a baby sister to us all from heaven. She is so much like him and is so sweet and good to me and will be 21 on May 16th. I still think she should be 3!!!!!! We all live on our farm so have basically taken care of her all these years too, She will be a good help keeping me going!!!!!! Seth's picture is by the last light I turn off at night and I always talk to him and tell him what is going on and to please ask God to help him keep us all going! Will most likely do the same with Richard!!!!!!!!!! Even though we were far apart, we were close in spirit and always enjoyed talking and communicating with each other. I will definitely keep his good ideas and advice alive. You can always reach me at Birdiimagee@gmail.com and my phone is on Richard's phone. If you have a service or a gathering, I'd like to know. I really like what you have put on his obituary here. You have done a wonderful job. And you did a lot to help Richard all these years and he really appreciated that.

Thank you again. Becky

Becky Wells - May 04, 2024 at 12:45 AM