



Robert W. Ratcliff

July 7, 1965 - March 20, 2021

The family is sad to announce that Robert W. Ratcliff, 55, passed away suddenly at home in Cashmere, WA, on Saturday, March 20, 2021.

Rob was born on July 7, 1965, in Millington, TN to David and Barbara Ratcliff. He went to Great Mills High School in Great Mills, MD. After graduating, Rob enlisted in the Navy's US Naval Nuclear Power Program where he served for eight and one-half years as a Control Room Operator and Watch Supervisor on the USS Nimitz and USS Enterprise. While stationed at Norfolk Naval Base/Naval Air Station in Norfolk, VA, he met and married Maria Whitehurst in 1987.

Following his naval career, Rob worked at various power plants across the country before settling in Chelan County, WA. He was working as a Senior Control Room Operator for 22 years at Rock Island and Rocky Reach Hydroelectric Dams for Chelan County Public Utility District, where he also served as a IBEW Local 77 Union Steward for 15 years.

Predeceased by his father David Ratcliff, he will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 33 years, Maria; mother, Barbara Ratcliff; sister, Melanie Jones (husband Dave) and a host of family and friends who miss him dearly.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 AM, April 10, 2021 at the Loy-Giffin

Funeral Home,

110 Main Street, Wardensville, WV 26851, preceded by visitation at 10:00 AM.

A reception will be held at the War Memorial Building in Wardensville, WV.

Information for a memorial service in Chelan County, WA will be provided later

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Loy-Giffin Funeral Home
110 Main Street
Wardensville, WV 26851

Memorial Service

APR **10**. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life Service

APR **23**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Rocky Reach Dam Pavilion
6151 US-97 ALT
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall



“ Rob:

You are greatly missed. You were always were supportive and willing to lend a helping hand. We'll cherish the fun times we enjoyed each time we'd visit you and Maria. Y'all always made us feel welcome... good memories!

We were blessed to know you and call you our brother-in-law and uncle.

Rob, you are gone too soon... Rest In Peace.

Vernon, Iris and Family

Vernon Whitehurst - April 09, 2021 at 07:30 PM

BW

“ *Maria and Rob.*

For so long now, that's how it's been... Maria and Rob. Together they were such a steadying force. We did not see them often but there was always the unspoken promise of "next time"...

The first time I saw Maria don a helmet and hop on the back of Rob's motorcycle, I knew he must be someone special. You see, being a sister who shared a bedroom, I know how much time was devoted to hair and makeup! From the very beginning and through the years, one thing has been abundantly clear... Rob loved my sister and she loved Rob. They lived a life close to nature and it was always a joy and usually a laugh to hear of their latest adventure.

I will always remember Rob's easy manner, his ready smile, quirky laugh and blunt manner of saying exactly what he thought.

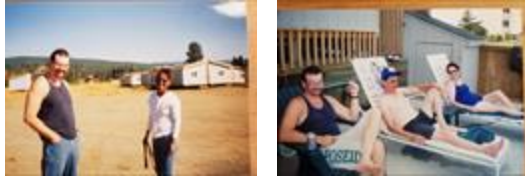
My heart is full of sorrow for this sudden loss of Rob and the realization that there will be no "next time". I know that Rob did not choose this parting. I know that far too soon, his earthly body failed him in some way. But, I am certain that his spirit is soaring over mountains legs could not climb, diving in oceans that lungs could not sustain, witnessing sunrises that eyes could not behold and forever watching over my sister Maria.

Rest easy Rob, we're watching too.

Brenda Whitehurst - April 08, 2021 at 12:56 PM

VI

“ I truly enjoyed Rob and I numerous outdoor adventures together. He was a genuinely good man. So sorry he left us so soon. Much Love sis, let me know what you need.



Vincent - April 05, 2021 at 01:45 PM

MR

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Maria Ratcliff - April 03, 2021 at 02:23 PM

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Maria Ratcliff - April 03, 2021 at 02:22 PM

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Maria Ratcliff - April 03, 2021 at 02:21 PM

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“ Maria Ratcliff sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert W. Ratcliff



Maria Ratcliff - April 03, 2021 at 12:34 PM

MR

“ Maria Ratcliff lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Ratcliff



Maria Ratcliff - April 03, 2021 at 12:32 PM

MR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Maria Ratcliff - April 03, 2021 at 12:14 PM

MR

“ 2 files added to the album *Memories of Rob*



Maria Ratcliff - April 03, 2021 at 11:22 AM

AA

“ Rob and Maria met, fell in love, married and immediately left the east coast for Washington state. As the oldest of 5 sisters I was happy for her but also concerned. She was leaving her family and even though I really liked Rob, she was leaving her support network. What if things didn't work out? What if? What if? But then what if they had one great adventure after another? Their first trip together was a cross country road trip to WA, camping out and enjoying the sights of the country that they traversed.

Over the years Rob and Maria have criss crossed the country a few times as Rob moved from one job to another, after leaving the Navy, and finally settled down back in WA. Through it all I never heard Maria say one negative thing about her life with Rob. When we talked it was always about how happy she was and about all of the experiences that the two shared together.

But this is Rob's memory board. What I remember about Rob is that he treated my sister like a queen. I will always be eternally grateful to have known him as a kind, smart, adventurous and fun loving brother-in-law. He will be missed by our entire family.

Rob, you lived a good life, a full life. Thank you for the love that you brought to my sister. We cannot replace you but know that we'll always love her and be here for her. Rest in peace Rob.

Arlene Arthur

Arlene Arthur - April 01, 2021 at 03:26 PM

AA

“ So sorry to hear of Rob's passing. My heartfelt condolences to Maria and the Ratcliff and Whitehurst families. Praying for peace and comfort. RIP Rob.

Audrey D. Arthur

Audrey Arthur - March 30, 2021 at 11:45 AM

SK

“ *Rob was always a fun guy to be around. Maria, I am so sorry for your loss and all you are going through. We're here if you need us.*
Bob and Sharon Kearns

Sharon Kearns - March 28, 2021 at 02:03 PM

BW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Brenda L Whitehurst - March 27, 2021 at 10:13 AM