



Terry E. Van Dorien

June 14, 1950 - October 28, 2017

My father, Terry Eugene Van Dorien passed away in the morning of October 28th after fighting a long and difficult battle of liver disease. His life was too short, but he lived his life at 100%, always doing the things that made him happy. He knew what he loved, and he did what he loved. And, he loved you all.

He was a true and dear friend to many, but more than that, you were true and dear friends to him. He was a loving uncle to my dear cousins, He was a precious son and friend to my amazing grandmother, Virginia. He has a loving sister that was by his side in his last days and his faithful forever friend and sister-in-law, Carolyn, was there for him during some very difficult times. His dear friend, Anita, was also by his side any time he needed.

You called him T, Uncle T, Terry. I call him Dad... "my Dad".

Terry's loves were all about friends and adventure. Be it after work hours at Bob's with friends, Seahawks games, "The Backside" bike ride he organized in honor of his deceased twin brother, Gary, or the annual season's pass and daily runs at Mission Ridge, he loved it all.

He just never got "enough". He would have been happy to have the snow last a little longer each season. Then Spring came, and it was on his mountain

bike and hikes he would go. Always, always encouraging me to be more physically active, ski with him, bike with him, enjoy the outdoors like he did. I was in awe of his physical abilities and passion he had in everything he did. He taught me to ski at age 3, we camped with dear family and dear friends and fished when I was little, and he entered me in mountain bike races by age 7. He always pushed me so I could feel his same joy in whatever we were doing. Admittedly, I didn't always feel it, but I did feel his joy. I still have my first hot pink Schwinn mountain bike he bought me.

Terry was a "creator" in building and in his adult working life he performed the role of carpenter, being self employed, Van Dorien Construction. He had a talent that was second to none. He built homes, did remodels, and his work was superb. He took his time so it would be perfect when he was done.

It's a painful journey to lose a loved one and write about their life. A life that was full of so many loving and lifelong friends. A life that was lost way too soon. I am grateful to you all for the love that you gave my dad - he valued each of you more than I'm sure he was ever able to fully express.

Terry was born on June 14, 1950 and was 67 years old. He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Van Dorien and his twin brother, Gary Van Dorien. He is survived by me, his daughter, Roshelle Marie Leland and my husband, Craig; his wonderful mother and my dear grandmother, Virginia Van Dorien; his sister, Linda English and her husband, Will; his nieces and nephews Krista Birks, Leah Van Dorien and Rachel Scaramozzino, Scott English, Troy English and Kelly Rabideau. He loved being a great uncle to all of his nieces and nephew's children.

He is also survived by his forever sister-in-law, Carolyn Van Dorien Early and her husband, Steve Early, who were there for him during times that I could not be. I am forever grateful to you both.

See you sooner, Dad. Your friends love you. Your family loves you...and Dad,
thank you for all that you taught me.

I love you so much,

Sweet Pea

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday November 11th, 2017 fro 12-
3pm in the Mission Ridge upper parking lot in Terry's "self reserved" parking
space


Tribute Wall

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“ My life briefly intersected with the Van Dorien twins over many years. We graduated Eastmont a year apart, I remember they were very popular. I was the quiet unknown scientist type. I worked with Gary as a carpenter on the Walker Furniture building, and saw Terry occasionally at the Ridge where he would always greet me with a smile that never stopped (I do not ski often anymore, he lived there :)). Lately our paths would cross in Safeway, where he would update me on his ski trip tally for the year. I will miss that, and him. Good bye Terry.

Mark Adams

Mark Adams - November 11, 2017 at 12:44 PM

 April
Brown
Auctioneer

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Terry from our teenage years. I got out my photos and nearly every photo Terry was standing next to one of his many cars. He always had the best car cruising Wenatchee Ave. Very talented carpenter and builder. Amazing athlete and organizer. I'm sure he will be missed among his skiing and biking friends.

April Brown Auctioneer - November 02, 2017 at 12:22 PM

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“ So many memories, Skiing at the Ridge or Riding Devils Gulch, There was always adventure to be had.
Rest in peace my friend. See you sooner!!

Shannon Reiswig - November 01, 2017 at 12:32 AM



“ We will miss our friend and comrade. We enjoyed years of skiing and biking. Ski trip to Whitefish, Montana and biking the "Backside". His infectuous smile is imbeded in my mind.

Diana Gordon - October 31, 2017 at 02:44 PM