



John Richard Harris

October 4, 1946 - November 2, 2015

John “Richard” Harris, age 69, passed away on November 2, 2015 at his home in Fort Jones, California. Richard was born October 4, 1946 in Richmond, California to James Gerald Harris and Mary Elizabeth (Witt) Harris. Shortly after his birth the family moved to Sacramento. After graduation from high school, Richard attended American River College and later Chico State College where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Throughout his life, Richard was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and just taking in the beauty of the great outdoors. He also loved sports (particularly baseball), reading and music but his greatest love was his family. At the age of 19, Richard met Jeanette Ceccon and according to him, “knew he had found the one.” Richard and Jeanette married on November 23, 1974 in Willows, California and their union produced four children of whom Richard was immensely proud.

Richard had a strong sense of duty to his family, a love for his country and a deep belief in God. He was large in stature but even bigger in heart. He was fortunate enough to grow up in an era when respect, honor and a simpler way of life was still the norm. Wanting those same things for his family, he moved them to Scott Valley in 1984 the area where his forefathers had moved to in the 1800s. He spent many wonderful times in the valley hunting, visiting, and camping in Carter Meadows. As his ancestors before him, he was drawn to

the mountains where he found a connection with nature and a peace within that the city could not provide.

Richard is survived by his wife of 40 years, Jeanette; four children: Jim Harris (Michelle), Preston Harris (Jill), Richie Harris (Niki) and Tom Harris (Julia); nine grandchildren: Elizabeth, Clayton, Peter, Kory, Molly, Adeline, Oscar, Sam, and Hannah with three more grandbabies on the way; a brother, Jim Harris (Carole) of Red Bluff and; a sister, Nancy Stone (Dan) of Fort Jones. In addition, Richard leaves many beloved nieces and nephews and dear friends.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2015, at the Etna Cemetery in Etna, California. A celebration of life will be held immediately following at the Masonic Hall in Fort Jones, California located at 11931 East Street, Fort Jones, California. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Scott Valley Scholarship Fund on behalf of Richard Harris at P.O. Box 352, Etna, California 96027.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 7. 1:00 PM (PT)

Etna Cemetery
Sawyers Bar Road
Etna, CA 96027

Celebration of Life

NOV 7 (PT)

Masonic Hall
11931 East Street
Fort Jones, CA 96032

Tribute Wall

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“ Since their arrival in Scott Valley, we have been friends with Richard and Jeanette and the Boys. Our families grew up together from Little League to High School. The fun times of the Ducks Unlimited meetings and dinners with Richard, and always making us welcome at his home. This is who Richard was. We are proud to call the Harris Family our friends. He was a great Father and Husband. Our hearts go out to Jeanette, Jim. Preston, Richie and Tom. The memories will remain fondly with us. He was a great friend to me and my family. With our love and sympathy, Ted and Monica Friden and Family.

Ted Friden - November 06, 2015 at 11:54 AM

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“ Our friendship goes back some 63 years, grade school, little league baseball, high football, honky tonks, hunting, fishing and the best part marriage and families. through it all we managed to stay best friends. Even after we moved to another country, Texas some 10 years ago our friendship stayed as strong as ever. Through the miracle of the internet, text and talk we still shared many of life's adventures. If I know the Big Guy and I do he has already gotten in a few baseball games up in heaven and has no doubt told Ruth and Mantle if they cut down their swing a little they would make contact more often. May the peace of God be with all y'all during this difficult time. Rest assured that Rich is at peace and has been reunited with those who have gone before him. God Bless You. The Rush Family

Gary Rush - November 05, 2015 at 01:51 PM

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Just saw this, Gary. Rich shared a little time with me by phone on the day that my wife died in September 2013. What he said was genuine and it meant a lot. And, I still remember a dinner the three of us shared at Sam's Hof Brau in east county back in the late sixties or early seventies. I know that the two of you were close.

Tim Wehrkamp, Greenbelt, MD

Tim Wehrkamp - May 21, 2016 at 12:14 PM