



Richard Allen Farmer

October 25, 1943 - March 5, 2019

Richard Allen Farmer went to meet his Lord and Savior ,Jesus Christ, on March 4, 2019. Richard was born in Weaverville on October 25, 1943, to Maimie and Harvey Farmer.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years , Lou Ann Farmer, 3 children, Scott Farmer of Medford, Oregon, Debbie Farmer and her significant other Brent Ballow of Sutherland, Oregon and Michael Farmer and his wife Shanna Farmer of Etna, Calif. 2 grandchildren, Jackson Farmer of Etna ,Ca., Skylar Farmer of Medford ,Oregon. He is also survived by 3 nieces, Mary Lynn, Sheri, and Janis, brother in-law Bob Fox and wife Katherine Fox and their son Robbie.

Richard worked many years for the US Forest Service. He made firefighting his career. He received many awards and commendations. In his free time he enjoyed hunting, fishing and wood cutting. He enjoyed sharing these interests with his grandchildren, Skylar and Jackson.

Honoring Richard's request their will be no services. The family appreciates the prayers and well wishes for Richard and his family.

Tribute Wall

PT

“ *My deepest condolences to Rich's family.*

I was saddened to hear of Rich's illness and passing.

I worked with Rich on many fires while on Nor-CAL Team 1. He was a great firefighter and Operations Section Chief.

Rich was a hard working firefighter and will be missed by the Wildland Fire community. It was always great to work with him. I will miss him.

God Speed my old friend!



Peter Tolosano - March 19, 2019 at 09:48 PM

TP

“ *I was just a young teen, playing softball and basketball (Big Barbarians) with Rich way back in the 70's, he had worked with my dad for years, great and funny guy! Sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to Lou Ann and family.*

tim prest - March 18, 2019 at 03:11 PM

DW

“ *So sorry to hear of Rich passing he was a great woodsman and hunter and one of the great Northern California fire fighters. I worked with him on type II team and all ways enjoyed hunting storytelling with him. RIP Dan White*

Dan White - March 17, 2019 at 03:33 PM

GC

“ Rich got me hired as a temporary firefighter on the Big Bar Ranger District back in 1975. He was a cousin to me on my mom's side along with Mike McBath. I was nicknamed "cousin George". I didn't get to work with Rich much because he transferred to the Klamath National Forest shortly after I started. The legend of Rich Farmer remained.

I was on a fire on the Sequoia National Forest called the Stormy Complex where Rich was the night Ops Chief on the fire team. The fire "blew up" the the second day I was there in the afternoon and eventually burned through the fire camp. Rich was off shift there and told me how whole sheets of plywood were taken up in a fire whirl. Meanwhile, myself and others on the line were at risk of being burned over. Rich helped organize a two pronged evacuation to safety by helicopter.

Thanks for all you did, Rich and my deepest condolences to the family.

George Chapman

George P Chapman - March 13, 2019 at 10:33 AM

GC

“ I worked with Rich for many years. He was a great fireman but an even better associate. I will always appreciate the time spent as he filled in as Duty on the Goosenest. I spent several days giving him District orientation while on patrol. The stories and wisdom of a true Man's Man that loved what he did and the outdoors will remain. My deepest condolences accompanied by thoughts and prayers.

Gary Craddock - March 12, 2019 at 12:35 PM

SR

“ I was saddened to hear that Richard passed away. Scott and I are so sorry for your family's loss. We are sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to you all. I hope you feel surrounded by much love. Thinking of you all!

Stephanie Reynolds - March 08, 2019 at 07:09 PM

MT

I made my first jump as a rookie with Rich. Rich rookied with Jim Klump in '64--same as Larry Boggs. While on final Rich turned to me and yelled, "Hey you Rookie, just don't get between me and the spot."

Well, we both had a bunch of line twists and by the time we untwisted it was time to prepare for a landing roll. Turns out I got closer to the spot that Rich. I used to bring that up to him now and then for a good laugh. Rich was a really good FMO, good fireman and guy. Rich was always working, keeping busy planting trees, burning blocks, piles, whatever he could to keep out of the office. He was also the main reason that the hotshot crews from Ak., the Chena and the Midnight Suns were brought down to the Klamath. They stayed in the barracks at Callahan and were considered the best ever to work there. These days they routinely come south for all kinds of fire assignments. Johnny Culbertson's boy, Andy, is now foreman on the Suns. Quite a legacy.

When I was on the lookout the FS used to hire Rich on AD. I'd hear him huffing and puffing up the hill on some fire, getting to the top, giving them a size-up, then sometimes directing retardant. Rich was a good man. Really glad I got time with him.

My best to the family, Murry Taylor

Murry Allan Taylor - March 13, 2019 at 09:20 AM