



Richard James Shannon

July 2, 1925 - November 27, 2013

A Thoughtful Meditation on my Dad

Richard J. Shannon, born July 2, 1925 in Hermosa Beach, California, passed at his home on November 27, 2013. He was the eldest of two sons.

He graduated from Whittier High School and joined the Army. His deployment took him to the Phillipines.

He married Ardyce in 1951, and three daughters resulted from that union. Dad was employed with Bell Telephone Company. He had a strong sense of ethics and was nicknamed "Honest Abe" by his co-workers and for his work with the union. Dad continued the use of "Abe" the remainder of his days.

Dad loved the outdoors and moved his family to Siskiyou County in December of 1965. It was quite the adventure for a family moving from Orange County's orange groves and beaches to be stopped at Redding by 4 inches of snow!

Dad's interests were many. He loved motocross racing in the desert, camping, scuba diving, fishing, and fly and surf fishing. He raised racing pigeons, with long drives to the release points and aviaries for finishes. He also fooled around with the banjo, guitar, and tenor saxophone, and he always had a dog as his best friend.

Dad is survived by his brother, Robert; his good friend, Harold Simas; three daughters, Susan of Yreka, Rebecca of Reno, and Laurie of

Eureka; 3 grandkids, Jamie, Nichole, and Kristi; and 3 great grandkids, Alixis, Tatiana, and Keagan.

Just a few words to paint the picture, but not near enough to show the strength of the man he was.

A celebration of life will be held at his home on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family, and online condolences may be made at www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com.