



## Richard Paul "Dick" Van Baren Sr.

August 31, 1940 - January 12, 2019

Richard Paul "Dick" Van Baren Sr., of Montague, passed away at the age of 78 on January 12, 2019.

Dick was born August 31, 1940, to Russell and Frances Van Baren and spent the majority of his childhood in Salinas and Hanford, California. He was Bandmaster during his service in the United States Navy in the 1960's. He married the love of his life, Esther, in 1991, blending families, and they have been together for a wonderful 30 years.

Dick was an avid sportsman. He had hunted and fished in Siskiyou County and off the Oregon Coast for many years before becoming a permanent resident of Montague in 2002.

Anyone who knew Dick saw the sparkle in his eyes, his sense of humor, and how no one was a stranger.

He is survived by his wife Esther; children Richard Paul Jr. and Bethany Joy; and grandchildren Jason, Richard Paul III, Krystina, Samantha, Savannah and the newest addition, Gemma.

A celebration of his life will be planned at a later date, to which all are welcome to come and remember a true friend and wonderful husband, father

and grandfather.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest condolences to you Esther and Bethany and to Dick's entire family. I am so glad I was able to see him recently at Alex's graduation party and that we all got to spend time together a couple of years ago at our siblings reunion. He was a wonderful person with a great sense of humor and an even greater heart. He will be missed. With Love and hugs, Valerie.*

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