



Eric R. Heikell

May 30, 1957 - November 27, 2013

Eric Robert Heikell, 56, of Moses Lake, died at his residence on Wednesday, November 27, 2013.

Eric was born in Fairbanks, Alaska, May 30, 1957, son of Robert Lorence and Joan Thompson. Joan later married Eldred (El) A. Heikell in March 1972. Robert later married Ella Anglin in October 1966. Robert later married Dora Hutchcroft in September 1984.

Eric graduated from Moses Lake high school in June 1975. Eric married Lori Allsbrook August 5, 1978 in Moses Lake and worked for Randolph's Lumber in Ephrata as a skilled cabinet maker. Eric became a father to Matthew Eric on June 10, 1984, and to Scott Austin on October 29, 1986; both were born in Moses Lake.

Eric first worked for Randolph's Lumber in Ephrata for many years as a skilled cabinet maker. He next worked as a Network Engineer for Intel Corporation in Portland, Oregon. His high-tech career allowed him to travel to many countries in Asia and Europe, which he found fascinating. He retired in 2000, returned to Moses Lake and bought a home on Northshore Drive where he lived with his husband, Jeff Howard.

Eric was a multi-talented man. He excelled as a wood worker, and his cabinet

work still graces many homes in Moses Lake and the surrounding area. He loved to read with tastes that varied widely. He worked hard on his landscaping, taking pride in introducing new trees and plants to their yard each spring. Eric was a great lover of animals and birds, from the St. Bernard named Max which ate all the trees in his parents' back yard when he was in high school to a beautiful Afghan Hound to the exotic birds he always wanted in his home. He leaves behind Hobbs, an umbrella Cockatoo and Chico, a salmon-crested cockatoo, which were like children to him. He found an abandoned nest of ducks last spring and hatched them out, putting them in an incubator and turning them as needed until they hatched. He had become an avid bird watcher from the deck of the house, watching eagles as they flew by the property.

He could learn to fix anything: from a troublesome roofing leak, to computers, to making beautiful dresses for his sister Dorothy, to Halloween costumes for his two much-loved granddaughters, Layla Kate and Cora Leigh. He also taught himself to play the piano and to repair sewing machines.

Survivors include his husband, Jeff Howard of Moses Lake, his son Matthew Eric Heikell of Denver, beloved nephew David Paxton Smith of Moses Lake, beloved niece Bethany Stubblefield Lamb of Riverside, California; daughter-in-law, Courtney Heikell, with granddaughters, Layla Kate Heikell and Cora Leigh Heikell of Lake Park, Georgia.

Also surviving him are his sisters Nita Rae Heikell of Goldendale, Washington; Dorothy Monette Heikell with husband Kevin Smith of Moses Lake; brother Mark Allen Heikell with wife Esther of Lynwood, Washington; brother Lorence Jonathan Heikell of Ballard, Washington; sister Sonia Butterfield with husband Clark of Moses Lake; brother Ray Summerlin with wife Kim of Kent, Washington; sister Lucy Fitterer with husband Rich of Moses Lake; and brother Warrant Officer CWO-5 Albert Heikell with wife Michelle.

He is also survived by his mother, Joan Heikell, of Goldendale; his father, Robert Lorence Heikell with step-mother Dora, of Moses Lake; his step-mother, Ella West, with husband Bob, of Moses Lake; uncle Ron Thompson of Seattle; aunt Elena Knobel with husband Roger, of Yakima, Washington; uncle Ted Heikell with wife Joyce, of Renton, Washington; Zi Nita Carroll with husband Dave, of Lacey, Washington.

Other survivors include Charles Anglin of Selah, Washington, Raymond Diaz with wife Nina, of Pasco, Washington; Henry Diaz with wife Linda, of Vancouver, Washington;. Mary Reynolds with husband Mark of Auburn, Washington , Aileen Field of Yakima, Linda Garza with husband Domingo of Pasco, Washington, Odila Rueda with husband Carlos of Anchorage, Alaska, Concha Diaz of Ciudad, Mexico, and many nieces and nephews.

Eric was preceded in death by his beloved son, Scott Austin Heikell, his uncle and step-father, Eldred Arthur Heikell; grandfather Lorence T. Heikell; grandmother Iris Heikell; grandfather Douglas Thompson; and grandmother Hope (Shipley) Thompson Jones, step-grandfather Wallace Jones, and uncle Edward Diaz; cousins Deanne Rowley McAdams and Andrea Rowley Simpson.

Eric lit his willow tree on the lake with huge spotlights from Thanksgiving to Christmas every year. His holiday tradition became a special sight on the Alder Street bridge (fill). Despite this year's severe damage to the willow, it will be lit again, for the last time, in Eric's honor. The damaged willow will be replaced in April.

Eric was cremated on November 30, 2013. In April 2014 a memorial plaque will be placed next to his son Scott's plaque at Guarding Angels Cemetery in

Moses Lake, Washington . Eric's ashes will be scattered during the planting of a new willow at his beloved home. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com

A remembrance gathering will be Saturday, December 7, 2013, 1 pm, at Michael's on the Lake. Please come to celebrate Eric's life. Refreshments will be provided for guests. No flowers are requested; donations are encouraged to your favorite non-profit.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 7. 1:00 PM (PT)

Michael's on the Lake
910 W. Broadway
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ To Eric's family near and far:
Eric was a wonderful man. He always had kind words for his friends.
He will truly be missed.
You will hold a place in my heart Eric, rest in peace.
Love Janet###imported-begin###Janet Shearer Hurd###imported-end##

December 18, 2013 at 01:59 PM



“ Eric worked with my dad in Ephrata at the cabinet shop many years ago. We were sorry to hear of his passing. He was a kind, caring person. Our thoughts are with you.###imported-begin###Tracy Wallschlaeger###imported-end##

December 03, 2013 at 12:26 AM



“ RIP You will be missed.###imported-begin###Patti McBee###imported-end##

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“ Jeff - Please know that I am so very sorry.... Eric was truly a wonderful person and I know you have wonderful memories together. Please get in touch with me if you ever care for any company.

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December 02, 2013 at 08:40 AM



“ Jeff,

I don't know what you are going thru. I don't have any words that can make it better for you. I am here for you if u want. I can listen or sit with you in silence. My email is roygbiv59@yahoo.com.

Stephanie###imported-begin##Stephanie Kelley###imported-end##

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