



Larry Dean Nelson

August 26, 1948 - May 19, 2020

Our dearly beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, Larry Dean Nelson, 71, passed away on May 19, 2020 in Vancouver, Washington. Larry was born on August 26, 1948 in Drayton, North Dakota to Lyle and Bernice Nelson.

He graduated from Hudson's Bay High School in 1966 and joined the United States Marine Corps, serving our country until 1974.

Larry met his wife, Rita Nelson (Ferretti), in Vancouver, Washington. They married September 20, 1969. Larry and Rita built a wonderful family over the next 50 years.

Larry was a teacher to hundreds, a mentor to many, and a friend to all. He was a born and bred entrepreneur with exhibited success. He founded and owned Larry's Village Pantry in Vancouver for over 43 years in addition to other successful business ventures he created.

He loved his family above all. He enjoyed the outdoors, he enjoyed wildlife, and most of all he enjoyed helping others.

Larry Nelson is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Rita Nelson; along with his two daughters, Nichole Reitzenstein and Tamara Hanson; four

grandchildren, Brady Reitzenstein, Cade Reitzenstein, Ethan Kramer, and Macy Kramer; and two brothers, Lyle Nelson and Leroy Nelson.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Lyle and Bernice Nelson; as well as his two sisters.

Private services are being held in Vancouver, Washington at Evergreen Memorial Gardens on Thursday, May 28, 2020.

Tribute Wall

GN

“ *Just found out about Larry. I'm so sorry for Rita and the girls. Larry was a great person and treated all with respect and had a zest for life Rest In Peace my friend you will be missed.*

Gary Norton - January 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM