



Michael Gordon Ryba

April 8, 1949 - November 17, 2016

MICHAEL GORDON RYBA April 8, 1949 ~ November 17, 2016 Ryba'ism - Sometimes you will never know the true value of a moment until it becomes a memory: "Fish On!" Michael Gordon Ryba, age 67, passed away while surrounded by family and loved ones. Born April 8, 1949 in Vancouver, WA to Gordon and Neoma Ryba, he and his loving wife Kathy have maintained dual residences in Brush Prairie and Long Beach, WA. Mike was born to fish and lived for his next big catch. He was a life-long salmon and sport fisherman and passionate story teller, often leading you to believe it was the biggest fish ever recorded being caught. As a retired shipwright, Mike enjoyed building and working with his hands. He was a lifetime member of the Elks and loved spending time with family and friends. Mike was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Mike is survived by his wife, Kathy; daughter, Heather (Paul) Nadeau; son, Mike (Doria); sister, Linda; four grandchildren, Katey, Brandon, Ryan and Rohan; and many more loving family members and special friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his beloved daughter, Dawn. A service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 1101 NE 112th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98684 on Sat., Nov. 26th at 12:30 p.m. Please sign his guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 08:11 PM



“ *Knowing Mike was a blessing to me.He always brought that smile and made me smile or laugh.Gee, I always thought he had caught the largest fish ever. Great co-worker. Moving on but never forgotten. Another bright light in the sky.*

Gilbert Gulliksen - November 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cathy and family, Sorry to hear of the passing of Mike. He was a great guy to work with and around. He always had a smile and a chuckle. Fair winds and following seas my friend.*

John Schiessl - November 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM