



## Richard William Dracup

July 28, 1948 - October 18, 2025

Richard William Dracup passed away peacefully on October 18, 2025, at 10:20 p.m. in Newport, Oregon, surrounded by the love of his family.

A celebration of his life will be held in July 2026, on what would have been his 78th birthday. Details will be shared at a later date.

Born in Jamestown, New York to James M. Dracup and Carol Mae Dracup, Richard—known affectionately as Dad, Drake, Chunky, RD, and most proudly, Grampy—graduated with honors from Jamestown High School. He went on to serve his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. After returning home, he followed in the footsteps of his father as a talented carpenter and contractor, later working with the U.S. Forest Service during his semi-retirement.

Richard lived life with a big heart and a free spirit. He was a man of many passions: the great outdoors, classic rock and roll, motorcycles, reading, horseshoes, holiday feasts, the Buffalo Bills, concerts, playing pool and euchre, and always enjoying a good laugh.

A true tinkerer and lifelong collector of curious finds, Richard believed that everything—and everyone—had a story worth saving. He had a gift for connecting with people, always drawn to the spirit behind the object or the

soul behind the smile.

He is survived by his loving daughter, Holly Silvonen, and her husband, Clayton; his granddaughters, Jillian Silvonen, Mahallah Childs, Sessa Silvonen, and Finley (his beloved “Finny”) Silvonen; his brother, Thomas Dracup, and Tom’s children; as well as the children of his late brother, Jim Dracup. He is also remembered by his cherished chosen family, Jackie, Moonicorn and the crew of Ashville, NY. Richard also remained close to his extended family through his former wife and lifelong friend, Cathleen Webb, who continued to be an important part of his life.

Richard was adventurous, generous, intelligent, and creative—an original thinker. He brought joy to those around him, and his memory will be carried forward with love and laughter by all who knew him.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dickie was my childhood friend. He lived next door many years. We had our Kool-Aid stands over the years and did just about everything together. We would sing 99 bottles of beer when riding in the back of his parent's station wagon coming home from Allegheny State Park. He was family and sorry we lost contact. It sounds like he had a happy life and my condolences to his family and friends. We'll get together for a Kool-Aid when we meet again.



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**Sally Myers** - October 31, 2025 at 07:12 PM

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“ I met Richard in the 70's we called him "Bullie" and would laugh. My EX and I were friends with him and his then wife Kathy, we loved his daughter Holly too. I thought I saw him on the 16th at Aldis in Lakewood with a women? I was going to say hi but when I looked at him I didn't see that happy smile I remembered. I miss you Dracup you will always be in my heart. Keep Laughing. Love Wendy Litzen.

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**wendy litzen** - October 29, 2025 at 03:17 PM

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“ I knew Dracup as a child, he was good friends with my dad, Dan. He was like a 2nd dad to me and always put a smile on my face. He will always be in my memories if camping, bonfire and having fun. I'm thankful for having known him and his daughter. I'm truely saddened by this news. My love and prayers goes out to his family. RIP and fly high.



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**Amanda Hayes(Litzen)** - October 28, 2025 at 07:01 PM

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“ *Stephanie Schell lit a candle in memory of Richard Dracup*



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**Stephanie Schell** - October 25, 2025 at 04:58 PM

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“ *Was a very good Christian for having a gift of connecting with people.*

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