



Richard D Nash

February 19, 1949 - July 24, 2023

Richard Daniel Nash 1949 to 2023

Richard Daniel Nash passed away peacefully, at home, on July 12, 2023. Richard was the eldest of four children of Clayton and Betty Nash: “Ricky,” Linda Leighton, Lissa Mutty, and John Nash, all of whom predeceased Richard in death.

Richard grew up in rural Addison, Maine, and spent his early summers earning money for the family picking blueberries and digging worms, where he got his nickname, “Digger,” and as a deckhand for his lobster-fisherman dad. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Castle Nash, and nephews Aaron and Jeremiah Mutty and Alex and Eric Leighton,

He attended Lee Academy and the University of Maine, where he was an enthusiastic member of the Woodsmen Team. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in 1971 and served for 21 years, in Vietnam and around the world, rising to the level of Chief, Fire Controlman, retiring in 1992 in Hawaii.

Richard and Nancy moved from Honolulu to the Oregon Coast in late 1992, where he volunteered for Hospice and the Partnership Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (PAADA) in its early days. Richard worked for ten years as the office secretary at Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and liked

helping seniors as a SHIBA representative. He assisted in the Grab Bar program, the County annual Flu Shot Program, and helped seniors negotiate the Internet, especially to help them get free or reduced-priced medications.

Richard was a garlic aficionado, growing the pungent herb and giving it away to family, friends, and coworkers over the years. Often encouraged to sell his garlic at the Farmer's Market, Richard demurred, preferring to give it as a gift. He also was an avid genealogist, researching his family, who arrived in Massachusetts in 1634 and shortly thereafter moved to Maine.

Richard was a quiet, kind, unassuming and steadfast 'gentle giant' in the lives of those who loved him. Those who knew him remember the quiet, kind ways he touched their lives. A service was held privately, according to his wishes.