



Dale Edward Zeretzke

July 23, 1948 - January 8, 2025

Dale Zeretzke left this world on January 8, 2025. Born July 23, 1948, Dale grew up in Mt. Vernon and was the oldest of 3 siblings. He graduated from Mt. Vernon High school in 1966 and went on to attend Western Washington State College where he earned a degree in Psychology. After college, Dale spent some years swinging a hammer and earned his Journeyman Certificate, then eventually returned to school and obtained his Master of Education degree. He worked as a student counselor at several community colleges in western Washington and spent the last years of his career at Seattle Central Community College. In his younger years, Dale loved traveling and experiencing other cultures. He was an avid reader and had a talent for writing poetry.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Linda and Edward Zeretzke, his younger brother, Randy Zeretzke, and is survived by his sister, Heidi Zeretzke, and his daughter, Megan Walker. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dale's name can be made to the Mt. Vernon Public Library or the Skagit Land Trust. A private service will be held at a future date.

Amidst these long, hanging

early morning tones

dawn is beginning

and I just want to

find the way to sing back into the song.

-Dale Zeretzte

Tribute Wall

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“ Just learned of Dale’s passing. Don’t know how/ where to reach out to family but want you all to know Dale was a very special person in my childhood life in Mt Vernon, throughout university at WWU, climbing in the North Cascades, and living in the ” Mable Hickson” house on Samish Island for so many varied and special reasons beyond written words. I have and will always recognize him as such forever. Best regards to Dale’s family and friends. Lee and Darlene Ruddy / Oro Valley, AZ

Lee Ruddy - April 29, 2025 at 12:00 AM