



Daryl Dean O'Flaherty

May 27, 1948 - February 15, 2026

Daryl “Duke” O’Flaherty, age 77, passed away on February 15, 2026. He was born on May 27, 1948, in Omak Washington to John and Lorna O’Flaherty. The family moved to Seattle where he graduated high school and then served in the United States Coast Guard from 1966 to 1970.

Following his service, he moved to Ferndale and then Lynden. While in Whatcom County he built his career at Intalco, as well as volunteered at Delta fire hall Dist 3 for over 10 years. During that time, he became an EMT and taught many classes in first aid and CPR. He turned that passion into a second career as the safety lead on many major construction projects, most notably the renovation at the San Diego airport. After San Diego he and Louise moved back to Washington to be closer to family and eventually retired in Mt Vernon. He was known for being sentimental and caring, with a great sense of humor that stayed with him throughout his life.

He enjoyed spending his time fishing and woodworking, often sharing those interests with family and friends.

Duke is survived by his children, Tracy O’Flaherty (Vikki), John O’Flaherty (Rachel), and Lisa Dardzinski; his brother, Dennis O’Flaherty; and his twin sister, Diane Bernsdorf. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life spouse Louise O'Flaherty; brothers Shamus O'Flaherty; Mike O'Flaherty; and sister Gloria Snyder.

He will be remembered for his humor, kindness, and the steady presence he brought to those around him.

Cemetery Details

Greenacres Memorial Park

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