



Duane Neil Reinke

October 6, 1934 - December 16, 2023

Duane Neil Reinke passed away December 16th after a short battle with cancer. Duane was born on October 6th, 1934, in Mandan North Dakota.

Duane moved to Bellingham with his parents Clarence and Edith, brothers Jerome and Leland, and sister Nadine. Duane graduated from Ferndale high school in 1952. He married Laurice Bredal on December 30th, 1954, and had his two sons Neil (married to Lori Reinke), and Brad (married to Rozlin), and one daughter Jeannie. Duane has four grandkids: Ryan (married to Mikel), Matthew (partner Ashlee), Cody (partner Alyssa), and Danielle. He also has 9 nieces and nephews. Duane also has 4 great great-grandchildren: Dallas, Landyn, Blakley, and Ari.

Duane was a very successful man. He started his career at Mobile Oil Company. After a short time, he decided to be more of an entrepreneur. He Started several businesses. To name a couple that are still doing well: Reinke's fabrication and Walton tool.

Duane and Laurice built their dream house in Birch Bay Village in 1979. Several years later he was able to purchase his dream boat: an angel which he named 'The Happy Ours'.

Later in life Duane met his partner Wilma Rowley, and Wilma's daughter Cindi

Smith who was like a daughter to Duane in last years of his life.

Duane enjoyed boating and fishing and cruising the San Juan Islands. Duane also liked spending time in Palm Spring with his boating friends. He was also a lifetime member of Wheel and Keel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Whatcom Hospice at 2806 Douglas Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225, or donate online at whatcomhospice.org/donate/

There will be a celebration of life held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Duane back in the 80's thru the Rotary Club. He was a fine man and well respected. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

Greg Grant - January 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Reinke family. Duane Reinke (dad) was such a inspiration in my life. I will never forget the valuable lessons he taught me. And I will always cherish the wonderful memories I have had with him. He will forever be missed. I loved him dearly. Cindi

Cindi Smith - December 31, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Reinke family Love all of you this is a hard time was very grateful to have spent a couple hours with Neil the weekend before he passed I personally want to thank Wilma Cindi an Neil for taking such good care of Duane I saw the love an support they had for him I want to remember all the great memories out on the boat as a child an how great Duane was with my parents he will be missed rest in peace we love you

Nancy - December 31, 2023 at 12:00 AM