



## Rock Alan Strickler

April 8, 1956 - October 5, 2015

Rock A. Strickler passed away peacefully on Monday October 5th at home with his two children.

He is survived by his son Hunter Strickler (Erika), daughter Brooke Rosse (Mark), only grandchild Bristol Anne Rosse, mother Violet Strickler, three sisters Jeanette Laird (Jim), Jackie Holsather, Janell McKain (Jim), and his nieces and nephews Jeff, Jennifer, Nicole, Brett, Lauren and their extended families. Rock was preceded in death by his father Darrell Strickler.

During Rock's lifetime, he had accomplished several different occupations. While in High School, he worked for a local taxidermist. After graduating from Sehome HS he started working with his father in the concrete business on and off for years starting in his early twenties. In the mid 1980's he fished in Bristol Bay Alaska, and crabbed in the Bering Sea. In 1984 his son Hunter was born while commercial fishing in Alaska. In 1986, Rock was home for daughter Brooke's birth. These children were his pride and joy, he was so proud of his "blondies".

In the early to mid 90's Rock was working for a contract company and was involved in an oil refinery explosion, injured, he recovered, and went on to another accomplishment. He received his Real Estate License and went on to have a partnership with two close friends that started RJR Realty. He held this

occupation until his death.

Rock's personality was charismatic, his laughter was contagious. Everyone gravitated toward his fun spirited soul, and gathered around him to enjoy his conversation, stories and jokes. He exuded friendliness, everyone enjoyed his company.

He was a proud father to Hunter and Brooke, appreciating their accomplishments. Hunter's recent graduation from WWU with a Business Degree, and Brooke who gifted him with a beautiful granddaughter. Brooke and Hunter also cared for their father during the last days of his life so tenderly, telling him daily how much they loved him.

Rock is at peace and pain free now. We will all miss his winning smile, and the love and friendships we all made with him.

A private burial was held on Friday October 9th at Greenacres Memorial Park.

A Celebration of Life will be open to all of Rock's loved ones, extended family and friends on Saturday October 24th, 5pm to 10pm at the Bellingham Yacht Club Squalicum Harbor, (Windows by the Bay). Bring your stories about Rock's life to share.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My whole heart goes out to the Strickler family. Rock is now indeed out of pain, thank you Hunter and Brooke for being with him during this important time for both you and your dad. He was a great story teller and you knew when he was around, his presence was not without notice. He was a giving host and offered assistance to friends who were without. He can now be with his best friend Bo Sands while they both look down on us all, make their sarcastic comments while laughing. Peace and blessings to Rock and family, Marlene

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**Marlene Bolster** - October 05, 2015 at 12:00 AM