



Richard Holt Bullock

December 15, 1942 - November 24, 2019

Richard Holt Bullock, 76, of Upland California, passed away in his sleep and surrounded by his family on November 24th 2019. He was well respected and admired by those that knew him. A compassionate and caring man to those he loved.

Richard (Rick) was born on December 15th 1942, and grew up in McArthur Ohio where he was the son of Dr. Richard E. Bullock and Francis Newman. Rick had four brothers, Bill, Bob, Mark, and David. Rick was a three-sport athlete in high school, and eventually earned a baseball scholarship to Ohio University where he played shortstop under head coach Bob Wren. Rick was elected Captain of the team in 1964. The Bobcats went on to win the Mid-American Conference championship that year. Rick ultimately earned his Bachelors Degree and was an avid supporter of the Ohio University athletic department throughout his life. Rick said, "Of all my accomplishments in life, playing baseball at Ohio U. was my greatest. It's what I want to be remembered for."

After becoming a high school teacher and coach for a short time, Rick joined the United States Marine Corps in 1966 and rose to the rank of Captain. He served as a Radar Intercept Officer on the F-4 Phantom, and a Forward Air Controller during the Vietnam War. He later became a flight instructor while stationed in the U.S. He was the recipient of various awards including the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Air Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon for his dedicated military service to country.

Rick got his start in the tool business shortly after being honorably discharged from the Marines. Later, Rick and his family moved to Glendora California and he became Vice President, then eventually President of Circle Machine Company in Monrovia. After a short retirement, he opened up Bullock Tooling and Accessories, and was actively working before he passed. Rick was known as a great leader, friend and mentor. With almost 50 years of experience he was considered an industry expert within the precision tool cutting business.

Rick met and later married Wendy Swenson. Together they travelled the world, laughed,

fine dined, enjoyed sporting events, loved and supported each other's children and raised loving pets. Their love was special, and together they described their relationship as "quite the love affair." They always operated as one unit - they were utterly devoted and adored each other. These two displayed an astonishing example of team work in a marriage. Rick was preceded in death by his "Gwen" and since has said, "no offense to anyone else, but when I go to heaven, I'll be looking for Wendy first."

Rick was a loving father, husband, grandfather, and friend. Rick is survived by his daughters Kristin E. Bradford, Sara E. Bullock, and son Richard M. Bullock. Grandchildren Joseph Bullock, Marisa Bullock, Marina Bullock, Eli Wakeley, Will Eddy, and Ava Eddy, as well as Son-in-law Darien Bradford.

Rick's son Richard will miss his sound advice during difficult times, dinner at Sycamore, attending sporting events, his laugh, strong opinions, willingness to help, loving support, firm but fair approach, integrity, Thanksgiving Day stories, March Madness, car rides, handshakes & hugs, playing catch, and talking sports.

Sara expressed that "Dad valued LOYALTY. My dad's loyalty kept the relationships in our family together. His words and actions could be trusted today, tomorrow and forever. He was committed to his family and friends and always worked so hard to take care of those he loved, no matter the cost, right or wrong. He stood by me. He gave me strength. He always believed in me."

Kristin said, "I will miss the smile on dad's face whenever we saw each other and just the way he said "hi" to me. Like it made him so happy just to see my face or hear my voice. He always remembered everything I had going on and never forgot to inquire, ever. He always had a way of making me feel so special. Lessons I learned from examples he set are principles I apply today both in my marriage and raising my own children. I know he loved me and was very proud of me. I pray he left knowing what a profound impact he made in all of our lives, how much we all loved him and how proud we are to be his children. He will forever be missed. I love you Dad."

In lieu of flowers or gifts please donate in Rick's memory to the "Semper Fi Fund" in order to assist disabled veterans. Please visit <https://semperfifund.org/>

No formal service is planned at this time.

Comments



“ Wow, I just learned of Rick's passing. We had not spoken in several years and not on purpose just unfortunately lost touch. Rick was a business acquaintance who became a friend. He was a true legend in the Metal Cutting Tool world and one of the classiest people I ever worked with. My condolences to his family, he always shared great stories and love for all of you. He always spoke about his Ohio U baseball days. I was blessed to know Wendy also and I am so happy for Rick & Wendy as I know they are together. R.I.P.
All The Best, Andrew DeWitt and family - Miami Florida

Andrew DeWitt - July 09, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ Thank you Andrew!

Richard - October 08, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ Peace park Hiroshima japan 1996



Richard bullock - February 07, 2020 at 12:47 PM



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Sara Bullock - February 04, 2020 at 11:59 AM



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“ Our deepest condolences to your family. Richard and Wendy frequented my restaurant in La Verne for many years. Two of the nicest people. We still saw Richard on occasion and I would run into him at other dining establishments. Always a pleasure to catch up with him. So sorry to hear about his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family ~ Patricia Macias-Pena

Patricia Macias-Pena - January 20, 2020 at 11:51 PM



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Richard bullock - January 14, 2020 at 03:01 PM



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Sara Bullock - December 29, 2019 at 06:29 PM



“ I probably knew Rick the least amount of time of all who are writing in this memory book. I can tell by the other comments he had a lot of friends who remember him fondly and as a generous person. I met Rick on just two occasions. The first was a quick introduction at the Sycamore Inn in Upland. My wife, Lillie, and I had just arrived for some after dinner drinks, and Rick and his son Richard were just finishing up dinner.

On the second occasion, Richard and I were having a few beers at Oggi's Sports Bar, when we look up and see Rick sitting at the bar. Of course, Richard invited him over to our table. I got to speak with Rick and got to know him for probably an hour and a half. We talked about life, health, and sports, and I really enjoyed the opportunity to sit and visit with him and learn a bit about his life. I was impressed by the incredible bond between father and son. I found Rick to be a nice, empathic and sincere person, and I will miss not getting to know him better. So, even those of us who are not family or who did not know him that long are saddened by his passing.

Rest in peace, Rick. You will be missed by many.

Mike Chalmers

Lillie Chalmers - December 23, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ I will miss Rick, or as I knew him “Doc”. We were teammates on the Ohio U. Baseball team. Doc was one class ahead of me. My first remembrance of Doc was his calm and friendly demeanor. He was well liked and respected by his peers. That was obvious when his teammates voted him team captain his senior year. He was a talented shortstop and had a good understanding of the game. He was very serious about his responsibilities as captain of the team. He was an exceptionally good leader.

During the previous baseball season, there was some friction between the older and younger players. Doc understood that and made sure it didn't happen during his watch. He always emphasized the team concept. If every player concentrated on doing their job, we would succeed as a team. That is exactly what happened. Ohio U won the MAC Championship.

Doc and I kept in touch when I coached baseball at Ohio U and up to a few months ago. Doc was always interested in how the team was doing. He was a true “Bobcat”! His loyalty never wavered. When the baseball team needed help, he was always there for them.

Jerry France

Jerry France - December 21, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ Thank you for this! I never knew this part about my Dad's life.

Sara - December 29, 2019 at 02:24 AM



“ My relationship with Rick “Doc” Bullock lasted 3 years as teammates on the Ohio University baseball team. In that brief time, I met a quiet leader, Great baseball player (gifted shortstop and captain his senior year), a man of his word and a great friend

After reading his obituary, I was pleased and not surprised, he became a great patriot, serving his country in THE US MARINE CORPS, successful businessman, loving husband and father.

Writing an obituary is not easy but is part of the healing process following a death and it has given me another opportunity to recall all the good times and some not so good (Doc hated losing to Western Michigan) I shared in his presence. One lasting memory occurred a few years ago when several old OU teammates got together and began expressing our aches and pains, and lack of energy and stamina. When it was Doc's turn to speak, he chastised us all and said proudly, "Hell, I have plenty left in the tank and am ready to go"! Typical and classic Rick “Doc” Bullock. I am proud to have been his friend, even for such a short period time. Dennis Scouler

Dennis Scouler - December 12, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ Thank you Dennis!

Richard - December 12, 2019 at 01:16 PM



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Friedrich Gloor - December 10, 2019 at 04:08 AM



“ Thanks Fred! Dad really enjoyed your company, and always referred to you as his friend!

Richard - December 12, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ I did meet Rick first in December 1988 when he came to Switzerland to negotiate the representation for Gloor Inc. of Circle tools in Switzerland. We started a successful business ship, but much more important was the friendship I started with Rick and we had all over these years.

We did meet each other many times, over in the US, or over here in Europe. I had great Annual Circle Sales Meetings in California and at IMTS in Chicago with Rick, his staff and friends.

I and Trudi, my wife, have made trips with Rick and Wendy to Napa Valley and another year to Sonoma Valley, we had great meals, good wines and very good times together.

Rick came over for business to Switzerland/Europe many times, one does stay in my mind, it is when Nine eleven happen in 2001. We were at EMO show in Hanover/Germany at our booth Gloor/Circle and did try to understand what happen.

Rick and Wendy came over to Europe in 2005 and we did visit together Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Italy. We had very good times, Porsche rides and did visit the Jungfrau in Switzerland. All over we had good food and wines, but the most important was the very good friendship between all of us.

Later Rick came alone to Switzerland, we did visit Zermatt to see the Matterhorn, 2 years ago he came over again, we stayed in Grindelwald, did admire the mountains, had good food, wine and spoke about our life.

His next stay over in Switzerland and Grindelwald was planned in June 2020, we spoke about it one week before he passed away....

Rick was a great business man and one of my best friends, I'll miss him a lot

Take care Rick

Fred

Fred Gloor, Switzerland

Friedrich Gloor - December 10, 2019 at 04:04 AM



“ I just want to say that Rick was a good man and will be missed. RIP My Friend..... I have your family in my prayers during this time... God Bless....

Rich Earle

Rich Earle - December 09, 2019 at 11:47 AM



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Richard bullock - December 07, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ Rick was a great boss and mentor, over the 39 years I known Rick as a business competitor, a employee working for him, there wasn't a better person the Rick, his honestly, loyalty and friendship were always the best. One story I would like to tell is Rick asked me and my wife Michele to come to California, so we came out on a Thursday, went into Circle on Friday morning, he and Wendy took as to the best steak house in Pasadena CA, he paid for our Airfare, meals and motels for 4 nights, also a rental car for the next week that Michele and I took up to Napa Valley, the wine country.

This was all just to Thanks for the job I did working for him at Circle.

Rick and I became very good friends and we took a annual fishing trip every year, Fly fish in Utah, Bass fishing in Florida where we went the last few years, we were going the first week in March this coming year.

I will truly miss Rick!

RIP Rick!

Kirk Beavers - December 07, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ Dad always talked about his fishing trips with you.

Richard - December 12, 2019 at 01:19 PM



“ Without a doubt a man who led with his integrity, honor and his word was the cornerstone which held it all together!! He was a joy to be around no matter the occasion and just as much of a pleasure to follow or lead. Ricks passion for life and all that he embraced in it (largely his family first sports second) will always be the legacy he left. Rick’s departure is our lords gain as our lord built very very few men who align personal achievements success honor and integrity with such humbleness!! A rare man whom was loved and admired by more than he knew and will be missed until we meet again on the other side...God bless you buddy!! Randy Nedrow

Randy J. Nedrow - December 07, 2019 at 02:10 AM



“ I have known Rick for over 30+ years and I had the opportunity to work side by side him for the last four years.

He truly loved his family and he was well respected by those who knew him.

There was never a question regarding his honesty, loyalty, and integrity.

He was a mentor to me and most of all a friend.

I will miss our Friday morning breakfasts to talk business and continual sports talks.

Rick...will be missed...but will forever be in our memories.

Kerry Cranford and Family

Kerry Cranford - December 06, 2019 at 08:57 PM



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