



Daniel Lee Carter

January 31, 1946 - September 15, 2024

Daniel Lee Carter was born January 31, 1946 in Fresno, California to Sally Spade. He was later adopted by Johnny Carter and took his name.

He spent the majority of his younger years in Republic, Washington. Dan and his family then moved to Soap Lake at the age of ten and he attended the remainder of his school years there. He was a standout player on both the football and basketball teams and graduated from Soap Lake High School in 1966.

After high school he found adventure in the American Southwest. He was part of the road crew that connected the Gila National Park to the Gila cliff dwellings.

Soon after, he returned home to the Pacific Northwest where he worked for Farmway and then Freer Chevrolet in Quincy. He learned the trade of a mechanic through many hours of hard work and became a well-respected mechanic in the area. He decided to take the leap and open his own business when he opened The Shop in Ephrata in 1980.

He met the love of his life, Joan Weinand, while out drinking and carousing at the Moose Lodge in Quincy in 1985.

They were married on May 26, 1995 in Republic.

Dan was an avid car and motorcycle racer. He spent most of his Saturdays in his 20s and 30s racing or flagging at Ephrata Speedway. His love of all things that went fast has been a constant thread throughout his life.

He loved to fish, especially near his childhood home in Republic. He taught his wife how to fish and soon regretted it as she out-fished him on a regular basis.

He retired and sold The Shop in 2019. He and his bride of almost thirty years enjoyed their retirement by traveling to the Southwest every year and visiting their daughter, Sunshine, husband Jeremy and two granddaughters in Aurora, Colorado.

He died a peaceful death in his sleep on September 15, 2024.

He is survived by Joan Weinand Carter, his wife of 30 years, his daughter Sunshine (Jeremy) of Aurora, Colorado, step daughter Sarah Evans of Renton, Washington and four grandchildren, Dawson, 15, Sunah, 15, Reagan, 12, and Seraphina, 11.

His memorial service will be held at Nicole's Funeral Home in Ephrata, Washington on September 30 at 11 a.m. with reception to follow.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ As my much older cousin Danny was always entertaining with his well developed sense of humor, and kind heart. I always admired his happy spirit. I will always carry regret that I didn't make more effort to stay in touch. Life is busy and we always think we have time for tomorrow. May your soul Rest In Peace, you will be missed by many

Linda Strunk - September 22, 2024 at 11:53 AM

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“ I remember Danny fondly when I was a kid! He was 9 years older, but was always respectful. I use to go to the races in Ephrata and Soap Lake and see him there and around town in Ephrata. Very well respected as a mechanic and racer! I always rooted for him to win! So sorry for your loss!

Debra Lake Connelly - September 21, 2024 at 05:05 PM

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“ I will remember Danny Carter for the rest of my life. He was one of my most treasured memories of childhood. I sooo badly wanted to do everything they were doing when they worked on cars or motorcycles that he called me George my entire life. Even when I was a grown woman with children and we ran into each other in a grocery store he would always call me George. Rest in peace

Hope L Ellsworth - September 20, 2024 at 06:39 PM