



## Harvey (Rick) Heer

June 4, 1952 - October 16, 2025

Harvey (Rick) Heer, 73 of Ephrata, WA passed away on Thursday, October 16, 2025 peacefully at his home. He was born on June 4, 1952 in Soap Lake, Washington to Harvey and Shirley Heer. Rick graduated from Ephrata High School in 1970. He attended Yakima Valley College playing on their basketball team. In 1972 he married Nancy Youngers. They lived in Ephrata, Washington and had two sons together, Kevin and Allan Heer. In 1990 he married Sylvia Meulman and moved out of town to the farm on Road 9 and had two daughters, Lorna Bailey and Leah Johnson. Rick was a maker and farmer at heart. He grew many types of crops including wheat, cherries, alfalfa, corn, peas, and hazelnuts. In his spare time he enjoyed riding his 1966 Shovelhead Harley Davidson, fishing, photography, sailing and welding. He was always ready with a joke or a story and will be dearly missed by his family. His death was preceded by his father Harvey Heer, his mother Shirley Heer and his sister LuAnn Weisgerber. He is survived by his siblings Gayle (Chris) Corativo of Spokane, Washington, Ron Heer of Ephrata, Washington, Dianne (John) Kliphardt of Ephrata, Washington and and his four children: Kevin (Stacey) Heer of Ephrata, Washington, Allan (Erika) Heer of Bothell, Washington, Lorna (William) Bailey of Cottage Grove, Oregon and Leah Meulman of Ephrata, Washington, his 4 grandchildren and his great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm sorry to hear this news. Cousin Rick was a big guy with a big smile and a big heart. My condolences to all of his family. Brenda Robison (Tom, Laura, and Karen)*

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**Brenda Robison** - October 25, 2025 at 06:19 PM

DK

“ *When I was little (age 1 and above) Rick was my protector and my buddy. Even after he left the basement door open and I fell down the stairs, and he legitimately thought he killed me. We did everything together; he let me drive the old water truck and other stuff on the farm. I was his shadow. He was a caring, loving, sensitive guy who had a great sense of humor and genuinely cared for others. I will miss our 3-hour phone conversations together where we would talk of each other's triumphs or problems, try to solve them and laugh like crazy. I understood him and he understood me regardless of any differences, we respected and loved each other. I will miss you brother, if only I could hear your voice one more time and if only we could visit one more time... I know our conversation would be the same as the last one (beginning with you answering HEADQUARTERS) and ending with - I LOVE YOU.*

*My heart is broken, and I still cannot believe you are gone. Just a true reminder that tomorrow is not promised.*

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**Dianne (Heer) Kliphardt** - October 24, 2025 at 06:35 PM

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“ *Alma Ruiz lit a candle in memory of Harvey Heer*



Alma Ruiz - October 23, 2025 at 06:37 PM



“ *Rick was a classmate of mine. When I remember Rick this is what I remember most - BIG shoes, great basketball player, curly hair, and most importantly that BIG smile!!! Diane (Canfield) Karg*

Diane Karg - October 23, 2025 at 06:28 PM

PS

“ *We have fond memories of sharing many holidays and family gatherings with Rick. We loved visiting with and hearing about his farming and all of his adventures. Our family appreciated all he did for our mom, his Aunt Elsie, after our dad, Lee Solum, passed away. Rick was caring, friendly and will be missed. May God wrap family and friends in His care and grant peace and comfort to all.*  
*With love,*  
*Gena Solum Fetch*  
*Pauline Solum Shenyer*  
*Debbie Solum*

Pauline Solum Shenyer - October 22, 2025 at 04:25 PM

SO

*Sorry to hear about the loss a great guy*

Shaan O'Malley - October 23, 2025 at 06:30 PM

MW

🥹 *Big Guy. MJWeaver*

Michael Weaver - December 06, 2025 at 07:21 PM