



## Douglas Russell

March 27, 1942 - December 23, 2022

Douglas George Russell passed away peacefully at home on December 23, 2022, with his children by his side in Wenatchee, Washington. Born on March 27, 1942 in Park Ridge, Illinois to Nevin and Muriel Russell, he graduated from Maine Township High School in 1960. He briefly attended the University of Illinois on a diving scholarship before joining the United States Navy in 1962 where he worked as a photographer. After being honorably discharged in 1966, he came to the Pacific Northwest, drawn by the natural beauty and outdoor opportunities of the region.

He spent his career in construction, working on highways, schools, and other large building projects around Washington State. He also constructed hundreds of homes throughout the region, leaving an enduring legacy of beauty, quality, and the great skill he was well known for. He especially enjoyed wide open natural spaces where he could watch for wildlife and hunt and fish. He was always the first to spot an animal and loved to share his sightings with others. In his later years he became an avid fisherman, allowing him to foster many close relationships in the greater Wenatchee area. His favorite times were spent on his boat with friends, fishing and watching for wildlife on the cliffs above the Eastern Washington lakes he loved so much.

Although he endured many hardships throughout his life, he maintained a joyful attitude, and loved to make everyone smile with his corny (but very

funny) sense of humor. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife and soulmate, Marna Russell. He is survived by his sister and brother, Bob and Jane Runo of Indianapolis, Indiana and their children Jim and Mike, and their children, Grace and Patrick, and by his children: Renee and Alexis Russell of Chehalis, Washington, Eric Russell of Tacoma, Washington, and Kyle and Pam Conway of McKenna, Washington. He especially loved and doted on his grandchildren: Chase and Kala Conway, and Rachel, Connor, Ellie, and Alexander Russell. He was adored by all his close friends at the Wenatchee Fishermen's Forum, and his community of neighbors in the Malaga area.

His smile, love, and steady presence will be sorely missed by all.

Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.