



Richard Martin Reid

May 27, 1954 - August 14, 2023

Richard Martin Reid, 69, passed away on August 14, 2023, in Visalia, California. Born on May 27, 1954, in Van Nuys, California, Richard lived a remarkable life filled with adventure, rock 'n roll, and the unconditional love he had for his children. He truly touched the lives of many who had the pleasure of crossing paths with him. He was known for his unwavering support, infectious laugh, and unforgettable sense of humor. Richard was a man of wisdom, ambition, and valor, leaving behind a legacy of cherished memories and countless stories.

After Richard attended Ponderosa High School, he embarked on a journey across Europe, which was a pivotal time in his youth that shaped him into the man he would become. Upon returning, he furthered his education at Sacramento City College where he obtained his Aviation Technician Certificate, something he dreamed of since he was a child.

In his youth, Richard experienced the hard work of the oil drilling business before pursuing his true passion for flying as an Alaskan pilot. For 25 years, he fearlessly navigated the skies, embracing the beauty and challenges of the Alaskan wilderness. Later on, Richard briefly transitioned into the automotive industry in Visalia California, where he excelled as a car salesman. In 2006, he embarked on a new chapter as an aviation mechanic, beginning in Las Vegas, Nevada, then Hawaii, before finally settling in Scottsdale, Arizona, a

role he embraced until his retirement in 2022.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Richard had a wide range of hobbies that brought him joy and fulfillment. He had an insatiable wanderlust, traveling to various destinations, and indulging in the thrill of exploring historical land sights and new cultures. Richard found solace in motorcycle riding, relishing the freedom of the open road. He had a unique habit of reading catastrophic daily news aloud, perhaps as a reminder to appreciate the present moment. Richard also enjoyed spending quality time with his granddaughters, Sara and Emma Martin, and taking his doggie to the lake for a swim, creating memories that will be cherished forever. One of his greatest passions was flying airplanes, a pursuit that allowed him to soar through the skies and experience a sense of liberation.

Richard will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his children, Lita Martin-Reid, Rikki Reid, Robert Reid, and Zachary Reid, as well as his siblings, Charles (Chuck) Reid, Maralou Higgins, and Deborah Adair. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Lita Reid, paternal grandparents, Charles (Tom) and Mildred Reid, and maternal grandparents, Al and Helen Martin.

A celebration of Richard's extraordinary life will be held on September 9th, 2023, at 2 PM, in Scottsdale, Arizona. It is an opportunity for family, friends, and loved ones to come together, share stories, and honor the memory of a remarkable individual. Richard's impact on our lives will never be forgotten, and his spirit will continue to inspire us all.

Please join us in celebrating Richard's life and the indelible mark he left on our hearts. Must RSVP by September 4th, 2023.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial

Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Celebration

SEP **9**. 2:00 PM (MT)

Los Olivos Mexican Patio
7328 E 2nd St
Scottsdale, AZ 85251-5604
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