David R. Gardiner
1992-2013

David's falconry started with his first red-tailed hawk in the mid 80's. His love of animals started as a young boy in California desert picking up snakes, lizards and birds to take home. He would then find ways to care for them as best he could. From their care he learned a lot about animal behavior and how they communicated. In 1979 a young lady came into the veterinary store where David was a machinist. Cheri and David became fast friends with a few adventures that would be the start of David's falconry. David's passing in the fall of 2013. There was no one to take over the business of falconry. His family have taken over his business and have passed it on to the next generation. David's legacy will live on through his family and the business of falconry that he started.

As a young boy, David found an injured hawk and took it home to recover. He learned to care for the bird and named it “Ducky”. As he grew older, Ducky became more than a pet, it became a friend. David taught himself everything he needed to know about falconry and how to care for Ducky. He became very skilled at handling and caring for the bird. As Ducky grew older, David had to learn how to handle the bird safely. He taught himself how to fly the bird and make it a part of his daily routine. He and his family spent many hours outside flying the bird and teaching him to hunt. David's family became a welcomed part of the falconry community and he was known for his knowledge and skills. He was a valuable asset to the falconry community and his family was known for their passion and dedication to the sport.

David's family has continued his legacy by passing on their knowledge to the next generation. They have opened a falconry school which teaches people about the art of falconry. They offer classes for people of all ages and backgrounds and have a program that teaches children about the importance of conservation. They continue to honor David's memory by sharing his passion for falconry and the love of animals. They have become a valuable part of the falconry community and continue to make a difference in the lives of those who love this beautiful sport.