Michael Stephan Farrell
1948-2018

Michael Stephan Farrell passed away on Saturday, December 1, 2018. Michael was born in Bozeman, Montana March 31, 1948 to Edward and Mary Farrell. He was a brother to Paul and Mark Farrell, Stephanie Becholt and Jennifer William. Mike graduated from Gonzaga Prep High School in 1966 where he ran track and set a city record for pole vaulting.

He worked at Welk Brothers Metal Products where he started out as a welder and worked his way up to Quality Assurance & Certification Manager for nuclear pressure vessels at The Hanford Site nuclear production complex. After the dissolution of Welk Brothers, Mike returned to school and earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration from Eastern Washington University in 1986. He subsequently worked in managerial positions for Pearson Packaging and R.A. Hanson manufacturing companies in the Spokane area.

Mike is remembered by former colleagues as a good friend and great boss. He was an avid outdoorsman, a Master Falconer, and Eastern Director of the Washington Falconers Association. He also collaborated with the Peregrine Fund to restore the Peregrine Falcon in Washington. A lifelong fisherman, he developed a special fishing weight for which he was granted a patent in 2011. Mike loved nature and everything about it: fresh air, rocks, trees, animals, birds, hiking and being physical in the outdoors.

He loved his children and grandchildren immensely and never missed a birthday or holiday card. Mike spent the last twelve years of his life in a loving relationship with his partner, Lavonne Fairall. He is survived by his son Sean Farrell, daughter Deana Wiatr, son Michael Farrell Jr., grandsons Jacob Rorie, Isaac Farrell, Max Wiatr, Marcus Wiatr, granddaughter Greta Farrell, great-grandson Caspian Rorie, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

IN MEMORY OF
Michael Stephan Farrell

A DEATH IS NOT THE EXTINGUISHING OF A LIGHT BUT THE PUTTING OUT OF THE LAMP BECAUSE THE DAWN HAS COME.

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