



## Richard Terrence Shadwell

August 24, 1944 - September 13, 2019

Richard Terrence Shadwell passed peacefully on September 13th, 2019 at 75 years of age. He is survived by his cherished wife, Sherry Shadwell, and many loved children, and extended family members, as well as friends.

Richard was born in Glendale California, to Leonard and Barbara Shadwell in late August of 1944, and to this day, no one can be certain about whether news of his birth influenced the German surrender in Paris. He was raised lovingly, in southern California and attended traditional Catholic schools with his siblings during his upbringing.

As a young man, Richard enlisted into the US Navy in San Diego California in 1962. After honorable service, he remained in California working as a diesel mechanic for several small and large companies, including Jersey Maid Milk, Cummins, So Cal Trucks Freight Liner, and Interstate Brands Trucking. He also trained and fought competitively as a local kickboxer. He was a fan of range shooting, westerns, and martial arts.

Impressed with his mechanical aptitude and tireless work ethic, Richard was later recruited by the Twinkie men, of Hostess Brands and their cupcake empire. He kept the trucks running that would deliver snack treats, and bread products to unknown millions, for years, before retiring.

In 1987 Richard married the love of his life, Sherry, who would be his better half for the following 32 years of marriage as of November, later this year.

Richard and Sherry raised two children together, Trina and Justin. Richard provided for his family in nourishment, safety, and stability. He was a devoted husband and strong, dependable father. As far as anyone knows, he only had his CIA cover blown once, when one of the children shared that Richard was a CIA operative during a “share and tell” session in elementary school, so there probably wasn’t that much blowback, for Richard from the agency.

For the last 20 years of his life, Richard passionately engaged in Cowboy Action Shooting and western reenactment. He performed at local festivals and worked with the Double R Bar shooting group. He also attended Renaissance Faire events for a couple decades and enjoyed learning swordplay and wearing highland kilts. He committed to charity work with Happy Trails, originally an endeavor of Roy Rogers and his Regulators, to raise money for children of abuse.

In the last years of Richard’s life, he relocated to Warsaw Missouri, where he and Sherry seem to have found the home and community they were looking for, for quite some time. They took up Kayaking together, and Richard spent many days and nights taking care of his beloved dog Gigi, who ventured ahead, to prep heaven for her dad.

Richard is survived by his wife as well as many children, including Terry, Tim, Eric & Bobbie, Leah, Greig and Samantha, Trina & Chris, and Justin & Sonia. He is also survived by grandchildren, Cameron, Amber & Jeffrey, Samantha Ray & Mackenzie, Blake & Kimberly, Miles & Kelsey, and Hanna & Natalie. And great grandchildren, Liam James, Jack Ryan, and Hunter Alan. A memorial Service will be held for Richard on Saturday, October 19th at noon, at the Poplar Baptist Church (25819 Poplar Church Avenue, Warsaw MO 65355, 1-660-438-3050), with a dinner afterward.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Claire Usher lit a candle in memory of Richard Terrence Shadwell*



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