



Walter R Nielsen

January 25, 1948 - October 23, 2019

Walter Robert Nielsen, 71, of Bath, born to Robert and Beatrice Nielsen on January 25, 1948 in Los Angeles, California, died October 23, 2019 in Bath from natural causes. At the age of 17, Walt enlisted in the Navy and served honorably from 1966 to 1968 during the Vietnam War. After active duty service, Walt joined the Naval Reserves and went to work at Lockheed Shipbuilding in Seattle where his career and passion for ship fitting began. In 1987, Walt moved to Maine and began working at Bath Iron Works. Known for his ingenuity, loyalty, integrity and efficiency, he was a valuable asset at BIW, where he worked for over 30 years, doing what he loved until his death. In addition to ship fitting, Walt loved fishing, working on his cars, black powder gunsmithing, welding and working with his hands. He was dedicated to his work and his faith, and most importantly to his family, filling important roles as husband and as step father to 11 children he considered his own. He was a selfless man, always speaking of other's strengths and successes rather than his own personal triumphs. He is survived by his wife Paula Allen Nielsen, his brother Niel and wife Sheri, sisters Roberta and Josephine, son Robert, stepchildren Robin, Amy, Vaikko, Siiri, Hannah, Justin, Crystal, Naomi, Charity, Julia, and Isaac, 36 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, October 29 at 6:30pm, followed by an opportunity for fellowship with family and friends at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located at 141 Woodfield Dr. Farmington. Remembrance gifts in honor of Walt's dedication to his craft may be made in his name to The BIW Scholarship at Ferro Alumni Center 242 Main Street Farmington, ME 04938. Checks should be made payable to University of Maine at Farmington, with The BIW Scholarship on the memo line. Arrangements are under the care of Wiles Remembrance center 137 Farmington Falls Rd. Farmington. A kind word may be shared on his memorial wall at www.wilesrc.com

Events

OCT **Memorial Service** 06:30PM - 07:30PM

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Woodfield Dr., Farmington, ME, US, 04983

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Wiles Remembrance Center and staff - October 28, 2019 at 03:18 PM



“ I am so very sorry, He was a nice man, so glad that families are forever

Margaret Zwicker - October 26, 2019 at 10:47 PM