



Eric Ross Buch

July 2, 2020

Eric Ross Buch, Navy Veteran
February 4, 1954-July 2, 2020

Eric Buch passed away suddenly the morning of July 2, 2020. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Ginny Dimick-Buch of Port Angeles, WA; a son and grandson, Dustin Ross Buch and Hudson Ross Buch of Washougal, WA; and sister, Linda J. Buch of Aurora, CO. His parents, Stanley J. Buch and Irene A. Buch of Lancaster, PA predeceased him.

Eric was a 1972 graduate of Penn Manor High School, after which he joined the Navy. He had several tours of duty in Vietnam aboard the USS Rodgers where he was a Signalman and learned arc welding. He mustered out in Portland, OR in 1976. In 1977 he met and married his first wife, Kathy Flaherty. They moved to Washougal, WA where they raised their son, Dustin.

Right out of the Navy, Eric was employed by Northwest Natural Gas, retiring in March of 2013. He and his second wife, Ginny, then moved to Port Angeles, WA where they enjoyed a robust retirement sailing, traveling, gardening, and restoring their home and property amidst beautiful trees and wildlife.

A master sailor, Eric built his first sailboat from scratch in Washougal, which he eventually donated to the Sea Scouts. He purchased other boats that he

moored in both Pleasant Harbor and Port Angeles and was well known among the sailing community as an expert sailor and the “go-to-guy” on how to fix nearly anything, marine or otherwise. As recently as last year he helped his stepson guide a sailboat through the Panama Canal.

People naturally gravitated to Eric as he was upbeat and outgoing with a great sense of humor. An avid reader, he could engage in many subjects with intelligence and insight. If he did not know how to do something, he would read a book on it and then just go do it.

He was an organ donor, so we take solace in the knowledge that many people in need were helped by his generosity. His gentle and loving soul is sorely missed by his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer a donation in his memory to the Democratic National Committee, (430 South Capitol St, SE Washington, DC 20003); The American Civil Liberties Union, (125 Broad Street, 18th Floor, NYC, NY 10004); or local NPR radio station KNKX, 2601 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98121.

Condolences can be viewed and posted at www.Peninsulafuneralhomes.com
Go to: Harper Ridgeview Funeral Chapel, Obituaries

A “Celebration of Eric’s Life” will be held at a later date in Washington State at a time when it is safer for friends and family to get together.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I served with Eric aboard The USS Rogers DD876 We were Both Signalmen. He was Kind, Highly Intelligent and In my opinion, had a Magnetic Personality! His Sense of Humor in the Face of Adversity, could cheer anyone up!
I stumbled across, his death, almost accidentally. I am shocked that fate took Eric Much too Soon. My Sincerest Condolences to His Loved ones and Family.

Jim - July 04, 2024 at 10:56 PM



“ Eric Ross Buch

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

BG

“ Linda, what an amazing person Eric was! He had a remarkable life here on earth sailing the beautiful seas! So very sorry for the loss of your dear brother. Sending (((hugs))). Barb Golden

Barbara Golden - July 14, 2020 at 02:24 PM

LB

Thank you, Barbara! I know you know how much he is missed! I appreciate all of your support for our family-now and over the years past.

Linda Buch - July 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM

AM

“ Linda, Those of us who met Eric through dear Irene, rejoice in his life and the light he shone on all of us. I'm sure he will be sorely missed. Think of the lovin that's happening on that Buch island in the sky. Keep your memories close.
Sending virtual hugs. Love, Ann

Ann Miller - July 12, 2020 at 04:41 PM

LB

Thank you, Ann! Your love and support for our family has always been greatly appreciated over the years! I love the buch Island image-Hugs!

Linda Buch - July 25, 2020 at 11:01 AM

DD

“ Linda- very sorry for your loss. Just lost my brother. World is not quite the same without them. Diane Dombach

diane dombach - July 12, 2020 at 07:46 AM

LB

Thank you, Diane! And, I am very sorry for your loss as well. I appreciate your reaching out and send hugs to you and your family.

Linda Buch - July 25, 2020 at 10:59 AM