



Bert Drouillard

March 7, 1940 - May 24, 2019

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Known as Bert by his friends and family, Bert was first born of 3 boys and one step-brother to Arthur and Dorothy Drouillard of Detroit, MI.

He met his sweetheart at 15 and married Joan Buchan at the age of 22. They remained married over fifty years when Joan preceded him in death in 2012. They have 3 biological children and a daughter in law, Linda Mugaas of Alaska, Brian Drouillard of Arizona and Scott and his wife Trina of Arizona.

Bert has two granddaughters born to Brian, Nicole and Ashley. Ashley and her husband John gave him his first great-granddaughter, Brielle born to Ashley and John.

Scott and Trina have given him four grandsons, they are Wayne, Shawn, Alex and Connor.

My Dad was funny and yet a humble man, sharing nuggets of wisdom from time to time. He was a good provider.

He was a great treasure-hunter, sometimes the value was obvious, sometimes only he knew its value. He enjoyed the search as much as the discovery.

He loved his wife and barely knew what to do after she was gone. He survived through returning to church and joining Granny Bootcamp an exercise class held 3 times a week with a wonderful group of folks.

Before he retired to the desert he lived on the water for many years.

He was a marine engineer for 20 years with the Alaska Marine Highway out of Ketchikan, Alaska where he retired from the Coast Guard as Chief Engineer.

Lighthouse duty, Icebreaker duty, Search and Rescue and Drug enforcement through his service of 22 years in the Coast Guard. Before that, he was in the Army and a kid in Detroit, MI.

He left high-school early and joined the army. He was sent to Germany where he grew to love the people, the land and the beer. He tells many a story of his days there and if you knew him, you probably have heard some of them. He came back to marry our Mom.

Although he left school early he was a smart guy, always studying for a new rank, years later a skipper on the boat had found out he and a few others didn't have their diplomas. He tutored them and Dad's diploma says 1974, just a few years before mine. He went to a parochial school and his school class never let him go. He went to many reunions, even last year we went for his 60th-year class reunion. He had a great time, it was like I could see that funny fifteen-year-old laughing with his classmates, although shy and quiet at times I could see it in his eyes.

He loved my Mom and when she was passing it was most difficult for us, but more so for him, I don't think he could believe it. They were like Ying and Yang. She took good care of him and he took good care of her and together they took good care of us. We went on adventures of camping, traveling across the countryside to our next assignment. Dad was born an engineer so are his kids, we all think like him. He taught us how to work on cars and take care of things.

When they retired after 40 years on the water we were a little surprised by their adventure to the desert, here in Cochise, Arizona. They loved it here. They could spread out on their land and the scenery here is incredible. They would have the family out for Easter and the kids would look for treasured Easter eggs and then they would enjoy each other's company over dinner.

After Mom passed we hoped he would move closer to the family but as much as he loved his family he loved his freedom and all the memories he shared with Mom out on the ranch. He has a new great-granddaughter and enjoyed looking at her photos. He loved his grandkids and were so very proud of them. He enjoyed hearing what they were up too, He loved his kids and enjoyed visits and phone calls. He has left us many memories and treasures of our adventures and theirs. He is now at rest with his wife and our Mom. We will miss him, we will miss them.

Tribute Wall



“ Bert Drouillard

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ It's June 21st 2020 and I just learned of Bert's passing. I'm so sorry. My condolences to his family and all those who loved him and sweet Joan. Bert and I were cousins, His mother, Dorothy and my father, John Rush. were sister and brother. It was common that we went for years without seeing each other but when we managed to come together, it was always so much fun. Bert was so much like my Dad, which was an added bonus for me. Both Joan and Bert will be in my prayers.

Beverly Rush Babarovich - June 21, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ Linda Smith lit a candle in memory of Bert Drouillard



Linda Smith - May 28, 2019 at 06:32 PM



“ Diane Tucker sent a virtual gift in memory of Bert Drouillard



Diane Tucker - May 27, 2019 at 10:28 PM

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“ *Diane Tucker lit a candle in memory of Bert Drouillard*



Diane Tucker - May 27, 2019 at 10:26 PM

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“ *R Giudice lit a candle in memory of Bert Drouillard*



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Bert and Joan blessed our lives beyond measure. Our friendship and donkeyhood with them will forever be cherished. Yes! They were ying and yang. Their love for one another was pure, rare and a priceless gift to admire! After Joan's passing, our hearts ached for Bert, he truly was lost and looked forward to being with Joan again. Although saddened that Bert has passed on, if you knew their unity, one cannot help but to rejoice they are together again. ♡ Deepest condolences to all of you. What an incredible legacy all of you carry on.

R. Giudice - June 28, 2019 at 08:34 PM