



Richard J. Scammon

June 28, 1940 - September 11, 2022

Richard J. Scammon was born to Raymond and J. Lucile (Larson) Scammon on June 28, 1940. He peacefully passed away September 11, 2022, at his home in Los Alamos, NM.

In 1945, brother Jay was born into the family. Although Rickey was born in Glendive, MT, he grew up and attended schools in Wibaux, MT, graduating with the class of '58 as salutatorian. He continued his education at Concordia College (Moorhead, MN) and after graduating there entered the US Air Force. During this time in the military he also attended University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ. Following his military service of nearly two decades, he did research in nuclear physics based at the Los Alamos Laboratory in New Mexico as an employee of western and southwestern universities which took him to many research sites here and abroad until his retirement.

Rickey was well-versed in a myriad of subjects reflecting his many interests. You might find him at a museum (as he was drawn to history), camping, hiking trails and enjoying the open air (with his camera), or traveling off the beaten path to see new country. His research involved problem solving at a high level not obvious to others around him. He had an answer for any topic or would carefully study a problem or procedure to discover facts and principles.

His parents and brother preceded him in death. He leaves faithful cousins, coworkers, neighbors, friends and classmates.

A Graveside Service will be held October 4, 2022, at 2:00 pm in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive, MT, where Rickey will be laid to rest with his

family. Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Remembrances and condolences can be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Dawson Memorial Cemetery

2816 West Towne Street
Glendive, MT 59330

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 4. 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Richard J. Scammon*

December 07, 2022 at 04:10 PM



“ *Richard was a joy to converse with about many topics!*

SABINE Anna LAUER - October 01, 2022 at 11:12 AM



“ *SABINE Anna LAUER lit a candle in memory of Richard J. Scammon*



SABINE Anna LAUER - October 01, 2022 at 11:11 AM



“ *Richard "Dick" Scammon worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory in Group WX-11, Engineering Analysis and Test Group (and it's predecessors and successors) as a physicist on X-ray weapon effects. He was highly competent and highly regarded. He participated on numerous weapon effects tests at the Nevada Test Site. He was a cheerful and hardworking person. I will always remember him wishing me a Happy New Year for many years. He was a joy to know and work with! Michael "Mike" Garcia, retired LANL*

Michael D. Garcia - September 30, 2022 at 06:52 PM



Thank you for the detailed information.

elaine - October 05, 2022 at 01:28 PM