



Richard Bryan Cooke

September 18, 1956 - May 12, 2020

Richard Bryan Cooke, age 63, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. He died in the home he shared with his beloved wife Debbie (nee Bissonnette) and their two cats, Sam and Maddie. He is predeceased by his parents, George Cooke and Henrietta Cooke (nee Fellig). Richard was born in New York City and grew up in Brooklyn. After working for many years in Coney Island, he moved to Vermont, where he met Debbie after placing a personal ad in the local newspaper with the headline, "New in Town." They were married for 24 years. Richard worked as an electronics technician for several companies before relocating to Carson City, Nevada. While in Carson City, he began photographing in earnest, often with his good friend Manny. Together they could be found photographing birds and wild horses in the Washoe Valley. Richard had a great many hobbies and passions, including CB radio and music. He was well known for his spontaneous DJing, using the moniker Richie D. In recent years, Richard began exploring his spirituality. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, his outspoken points of view and the deep love he had for his wife; his friends including dear friend Keysha; his sister Liz, her husband John; as well as numerous other friends and family members. He will be dearly missed by the young people in his life, especially his "little buddy" Kymani, his beloved niece Maria, and his cherished nephew Liam. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Bryan Cooke*

November 04, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *Richard Bryan Cooke*

November 01, 2023 at 12:58 PM

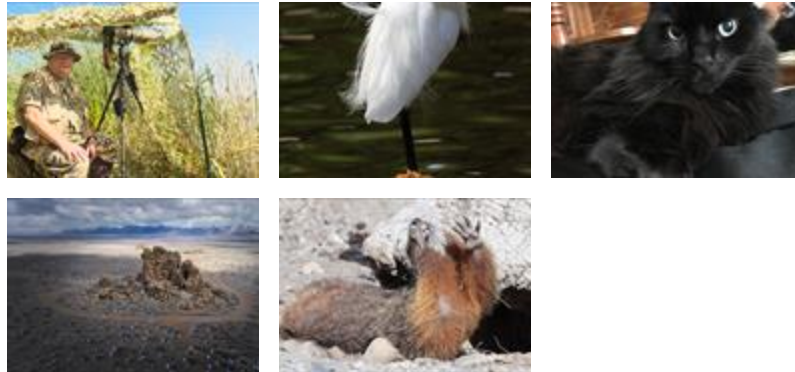


“ *Richie had a great influence on my life.
I regret having lost touch over the years. He was my dear friend and
in some ways a mentor.*

Mitchell Rubin - January 25, 2021 at 11:37 PM



“ *24 files added to the album Richard's photography*



Liz Cooke - May 15, 2020 at 05:54 PM

JW

“ *J'Amie Webster lit a candle in memory of
Richard Bryan Cooke*



J'Amie Webster - May 15, 2020 at 03:54 PM

MB

“ *Sending love and prayers*



Mona Buscay - May 15, 2020 at 03:38 PM

SP

“ *SWYKIA PARKS lit a candle in memory of
Richard Bryan Cooke*



SWYKIA PARKS - May 15, 2020 at 02:28 PM

SP

“ Richard was my friend and I will miss him dearly. Richard has always been someone that I could talk to about life, our spiritual beliefs, and parenting. He always gave me good solid advice. My son Kymani had a very special relationship with Richard, calling him his BFF or his Uncle. Richard was a mentor to Kymani and would always make sure that he gave him advice that would last a lifetime. It was a blessing to know such a kind-hearted man, with such a big personality. Richard loved his wife Debbie and their union has always been one that I will look up to. Richard will be truly missed. Sending love and prayers to the family.



SWYKIA PARKS - May 15, 2020 at 02:17 PM

SP

Uncle Richard & Kymani

SWYKIA PARKS - May 15, 2020 at 02:29 PM

LC

Beautiful words and picture. Richard cherished Kymani. He told me all about how they had bonded ❤️

liz cooke - May 15, 2020 at 09:13 PM

SS

“ With sympathy wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. Love and prayers Pete, Stephanie, Jenna and Jeremy Simonds

Stephanie & Pete Simonds - May 15, 2020 at 09:40 AM

RL

“ *Big Foot and Little Foot meet Richard for the first time this year. Richard was a new friend we meet through CB High Desert Radio Rebels. Richard was outgoing and new his electrical. Richard had a huge heart and shared many things like where he was from N.Y. his wife Debbie that he loved dearly along with his past work history in electronics. Richard also indicated he owned a drom that he enjoyed doing photography with. Wish we had the opportunity to drom fly with him. He will be definitely missed on the CB and in person. R.I.P. Richard.*

Richard Lilly - May 14, 2020 at 09:46 PM

ES

“ *I met Rich only a few years ago. The man shared his life stories with me like an open book. What a journey of a life he lived! He had told me life stories that made me laugh and others that brought a tear to my eye. During the time I knew him he was always warm, funny and living even in the midst of all the physical pain he was constantly in. I will always admire him for that and remember the crazy stories he told. Debbie, he told me many times how beautiful you are and how much he loves you. I'll never forget that either.*

Eric Schneider - May 14, 2020 at 08:07 PM

LC

“ Words by Richard Cooke

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW

My closest friends and I have spent the better part of fifteen years lurking in the blinds and bushes of Nevada's Washoe Basin photographing birds. Many times I would look up, see a bird in flight, and envy it. How graceful it appears, soaring above our three dimensional world without the help of elevators and airplanes, defying gravity. Physics alone can not possibly explain how a creature of wings and feathers can do what we humans can not. Maybe it's their superpower - to not only fly, but to see the world from above.

Thoroughly earthbound, I've been limited in how I could capture the movement of birds in flight. The best I could do was train a 1500 mm lens up to the sky and hope that when the aperture closed, the bird was in the frame. I performed this ritual - waiting, sighting, training and clicking - thousands of times. Always aware that the picture I really wanted was one that I could never have. I thought, if I could do one impossible thing, it would be to fly like a bird. To see the world as they do.

Liz Cooke - May 14, 2020 at 05:37 PM

DO

Beautiful and now Rich as his wings !!

Donna - May 14, 2020 at 06:16 PM

DO

“ Donna lit a candle in memory of Richard Bryan Cooke



Donna - May 14, 2020 at 05:15 PM

DO

God received his Angel

Donna - May 14, 2020 at 05:16 PM

WH

“ Whitney lit a candle in memory of Richard Bryan Cooke



Whitney - May 14, 2020 at 05:04 PM

LC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Liz Cooke - May 14, 2020 at 04:57 PM



He looks like his dad (George Cooke) here. A lovely convergence. Sail on Richard.

Annelise Orleck - May 15, 2020 at 09:15 AM

LC

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Liz Cooke - May 14, 2020 at 04:52 PM



These are incredible images. Thank you Richard.

Annelise Orleck - May 15, 2020 at 09:15 AM

LE

“ Lesleigh lit a candle in memory of Richard Bryan Cooke



Lesleigh - May 14, 2020 at 04:38 PM

LC

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Liz Cooke - May 14, 2020 at 04:20 PM

LC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Liz Cooke - May 14, 2020 at 04:17 PM

SA

“ Sandra lit a candle in memory of Richard Bryan Cooke



Sandra - May 14, 2020 at 04:10 PM