

Obit Lehman "Dick" L. Booher 1Jul23

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The world lost a true legend of a man with the passing of Lehman "Dick" L. Booher on July 1st, 2023, in Reno, Nevada. Dick was a long-time resident of Washoe Valley.

Dick was born in Quincy, Illinois in 1936 and graduated from Quincy High School in 1956. He received an art scholarship to the University of Chicago but declined it to join the US Army. Shortly thereafter, he went into the United States Air Force and became a member of the elite team - the Pararescuemen. He was trained as a medic, soldier, survival instructor, counterinsurgency, helicopter gunner, scuba expert, mountain and sea rescue, and as a part of the NASA Gemini Program in deep sea capsule recovery. In his Air Force career, Dick was stationed all over the world including Iceland, Scotland, England, Spain, Germany, Southeast Asia, Florida, California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico with additional travels throughout Africa and Australia. He was the recipient of numerous medals including the Commendation Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal.

After retiring from the Air Force in 1977, he built a family home in only a few short months. He began work in the construction industry and became an inmate fire crew chief for the Nevada Division of Forestry and later worked in their mechanics department repairing forestry fire trucks.

Dick was an admirable outdoorsman and loved to spend his time fishing the waters of the West. He was a skilled hunter and gardener, as well as a real craftsman who could fix or build just about anything imaginable.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Bertha (Lubbert) Booher as well as his wife, Lorna (McLean), of nearly 50 years, and his five brothers. He is survived by his sister, Ginger Heitman, his son, David Booher, his daughter, Skye Snyder, and his cherished granddaughters, Ruby and Marley Snyder.

"Dickie Boo" led a remarkable life. His family asks you to celebrate his legacy with a smile, a story, and a Lager Shandy. If you would like to share your memories, correspondence can be mailed to PO BOX 865, Verdi, NV. 89439. Burial plans are set for Summer 2024 in Prestwick, Scotland where he will rest eternally with his beloved wife, Lorna and her parents, Thomas and Betty Garry.

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