



Richard "Rick" Harold Babcock

December 24, 1955 - May 24, 2025

Richard "Rick" Harold Babcock, 69, of Buckeye, Arizona, passed away peacefully at home on May 24, 2025. Born on December 24, 1955, in Mauston, Wisconsin, Rick was the son of James Leroy Babcock and Genevieve Belle Thew.

Rick proudly served his country for two years as an Airman First Class in the Air Force. Following his military service, his career path was as varied as it was interesting, including roles as a restaurant manager, cement truck driver, and tour bus driver. He then met and married his beloved late wife, Linda, and together they made their home in the Seattle, Washington, area, where they raised his son, Rick Jr. It was there that Rick began working for Roadway Express trucking and joined The Teamsters Union Local #174.

In 1999, Rick and Linda moved to the Phoenix, Arizona, area. Rick transitioned in his driving career soon to Safeway and Teamsters Union Local #104. He soon earned the nickname Happy Feet, delivering to various Safeway stores throughout Arizona. It was also at Safeway that he met his current wife, Harriet Holly Gebhart.

Rick embraced everyday life with enthusiasm. He loved taking road trip vacations and cruises, always ready for a new adventure. Weekends were often spent enjoying lively games of Bunco with the Festival group,

competitive rounds of Yahtzee at home, or simply finding music to dance to. Rick was known for his kind, courteous, and helpful nature, touching the lives of those around him. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, James and Genevieve Babcock; his brother, Jim; his beloved first wife, Linda Babcock; and his son, Rick Jr. Babcock.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Harriet Holly Babcock; his daughters, Kris Walesa (WI), and Anna Angell (WI), Marianne Wayman (WA), Victoria Mohl (WA); his aunts, Betty Schweiger (WI) and Carolyn Babcock (WI); his cousin, Sue (Nox) (WI); and his sisters-in-law, Marilyn Robertson (WA), Vida Babcock (CA) and Loretta Foley (WA).

A gathering to celebrate Rick's life will be held at the Babcock home, with details to be announced at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ Ashley At Simply Cremation lit a candle in memory of Richard "Rick" Harold Babcock



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