

Edward “Eddie” B. Rankin

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Edward Brice Rankin left this world on August 27, 2024, in Grants Pass, Oregon. He was born February 27, 1956, in Santa Monica, California. The family moved to Crescent City, California, in 1963 where he attended local schools: Joe Hamilton, Crescent Elk, and Del Norte High School. He married Sherri Darnel in 1981 and together they had two children, daughter Alyshia and son Darrik. They divorced in 1995 and remained very close friends. He was the eldest of five children and took great pride in pulling pranks on his siblings.

He loved being outdoors and searching for old mining sights and digging up old bottles and relics. He had many achievements, a remarkable singing voice and a flair for painting. His quick wit and stellar personality made him a popular figure on social media. When a friend or member of his family needed help, he was there without question.

In later years he ventured out to states such as Florida and Nevada but always knew he'd come back to the place he loved most, Grants Pass, Oregon, and northern California. He found peace in the redwoods. He worked for Pinkerton Security and was a home health care provider for many years. He was enjoying his best life in retirement. He was a beloved brother, husband, father, grandfather and son.

He leaves behind his former wife Sherri Nash, his daughter Alyshia Pacino, and granddaughter Isabella Pacino all of Merlin, Oregon; grandson Demitrti Pacino who is serving in the United States Army in Texas, and grandson Joey Rankin of Florida. He was preceded in death by grandparents Edward and Myrtle Kelly from Santa Monica, California; his parents Earl and Alice Rankin, his sister Janice Rankin all from Crescent City, California; his beloved only son Darrik Rankin from Florida; and his life partner and best friend of 30 years Phillip Stockwell.

He will be greatly missed by his remaining siblings Earl Rankin from Texas, Raymond Rankin of Grants Pass, and sister Colleen Rankin of Exeter, New Hampshire. There are no words to express the void he leaves behind. It is a vacancy that cannot, nor will ever be filled. Eddie, you were one of a kind and completely irreplaceable. He was loved beyond measure and anyone that ever knew him was better for having had him in their life. We can all be inspired by one of his favorite quotes, "As long as you continue to try, you haven't failed".

Eddie expressed his wishes in having no services, yet he will live on forever in the hearts and in the memories of those he leaves behind. Go with God dear brother. We shall see and feel you again in the warmth of the sun and in the soft breeze that whispers through the redwood trees you loved so much.