



Richard Wasyl Pylypuw

February 9, 1948 - September 12, 2021

Richard Wasyl Pylypuw, 73, passed away Sunday, September 12, 2021 in St. James Healthcare. He was born in Clausthal-Zellerfeld, Germany, Monday, February 9, 1948 to Wasyl and Pelagia (Glowacka) Pylypuw. The family emigrated to America and settled in Butte in 1952 where Richard attended Butte schools, graduating from Butte High School.

Richard was a Veteran and retired from military service at the rank of Master Sergeant with over 30-years of combined active and reserve duty in the US Air Force, US Army Reserve, and Army National Guard. His service record spanned the Vietnam War Era, Persian Gulf War, and the Iraqi War having completed four Overseas Tours of Duty. Significant campaigns he participated in were Operation Arclight, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for service in Iraq.

A graduate of Montana Tech in Butte, Montana, he held a Master in Project Engineering and Management (MPEM) degree a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Science, a Bachelor of Science degree in Society and Technology, Bachelor of Arts degree in English, and an Associate of Arts degree. He worked at Montana Tech for 18 years in facilities management. He received the 2011 MT Tech Outstanding Achievement Award at his retirement.

Although Richard and Norma knew each other from working at MT Tech, attending yoga and Tai Chi together it was while in Iraq Richard started a long-distance relationship with Norma Shuttlesworth and following his return from Iraq they were married in the First Presbyterian Church on October 21, 2006. Richard was a licensed real estate associate since July 2014 and joined Century 21 Shea Realty in March of 2016. He was a licensed broker since October 2019 and was a member of the National Association of Realtors, the Montana Association of Realtors, the Rocky Mountain Association of Realtors, Montana Regional MLS, and the Big Sky Country MLS. He was elected as a Local Director to the Rocky Mountain Association of Realtors for the 2017-2019 term and served as a State Director to the Montana Association of Realtors for the 2021-2023 term. He was also a member of the Butte Rotary Club since 1993 and served as president in 2000-2001, received the District Governor's Citation (District 5390) for significant achievement as Club President, and had served as a member of the Board of Directors and as Club Secretary.

Richard was multi lingual speaking English, Polish, German and Russian.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 15 years, Norma Pylypuw, step-daughter, April Plummer (Beau) and grandsons, Jordan and Dylan Plummer. Also surviving are his mother-in-law, Hannah Shuttlesworth, brother-in-law, Kevin (Janet) Shuttleworth, his sister, Janina Stepan, nephew, Bummer Stepan, niece, Sherri Stepan, nephews-in-law, Nathan Shuttlesworth, his wife Laurie and their children, Ryleigh, Adrielle and Tucker and Kyle Robertson-Shuttlesworth and his wife Sarah.

Richards remains are in Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, September 25th at 10 am in the First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Chuck Carlson officiating. Friends may call beginning at 9 am. Interment with military honors will be conducted Monday, September 27th

at 1 pm in Fort Harrison Veterans Cemetery in Helena.

Cemetery Details

Fort Harrison Veterans Cemetery

1900 Williams Street
Helena, MT 59602

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **25**. 10:00 AM (MT)

First Presbyterian Church
Platinum at Excelsior
Butte, MT 59701

Interment

SEP **27**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Fort Harrison Veterans Cemetery
1900 Williams Street
Helena, MT 59602

Tribute Wall

AW

“ Dear Norma, What a shock this is - I have just seen this. We are so sorry for your loss.
Thoughts and prayers are with you.
God Bless Rich
Alyson and Mary

Alyson Williams - September 28, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Richard Wasyl Pylypuw.*



September 27, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Wasyl Pylypuw.*



September 25, 2021 at 04:21 PM

JR

“ Norma, I can't tell you how sorry I am for you. I know you are Christians and you know he is in peace and through the grace of God you will feel his love always. You two always felt like the perfect couple. The way you looked at each other with so much love, and shared everything together! I am so proud to call you both friends. You both stood up for God, your Country, and mankind. What a match!!!! If you need me just call I will be there.

*With the deepest respect and love,
Jean Ruppert*

Jean Ruppert - September 25, 2021 at 12:25 AM

KT

“ Norma I am so sorry for your loss. Richard was such a nice man. Please let me know if you need anything at all. Kim Tintinger

Kim Tintinger - September 23, 2021 at 10:16 AM

JW

“ I served with Richard in the Montana Army National Guard. I remember assisting him with his retirement paperwork when he left the National Guard. Richard was always friendly, a true professional and set the example of a great leader for other soldiers to follow. RIP Richard.

*Joe Warren
MSG (Ret), Army*

Joe Warren - September 23, 2021 at 12:23 AM

JT

“ Norma such a great loss not only for you but our community Rich was such a good friend to all and will be missed by all we are here for you if you need anything day or night our prayers are with you and your family

john & Valerie tadday - September 22, 2021 at 01:18 PM

JE

“ Norma: What a terrible shock to hear about Richard. We have grown so fond of both of you. Please know our prayers and comfort are extended to you. We are hurting with you. John & Jessie Eyde

Jessica Eyde - September 22, 2021 at 12:23 PM

JB

“ Remember this fine and lovely man from Montana Tech. May he rest in peace, together with his mother, which I also had the honor of knowing. She enjoyed speaking Polish with my Mom. God Speed Richard

Julie Buckley - September 22, 2021 at 11:55 AM

AG

“ Norma and family,
It was fun to visit with Rick, almost always learning something new about the world. Ye wil be missed. May you be comforted by your memories.
With deepest sympathy. Ann

Ann Gilmore - September 22, 2021 at 11:11 AM



“ *Richard has been a good friend of mine for several years. We served in the Army Reserves together. He was a very kind man that tried to do the best in everything.
Rest well my friend. You will be surely missed.*

Mark Cragwick - September 22, 2021 at 08:38 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home - September 20, 2021 at 06:37 PM

DC

Rich I am sorry I cannot be at your service this Saturday but I am going to miss you greatly my friend. I will never forget your willingness to help me get the job done for Col Stricker when we were in the Montana Army National Guard. Neither will I forget your service in the Army in the Gulf War and spending time with you in Iraq where we both served. You were a lucky man to have Norma at your back. Rest in peace and enjoy your time in heaven. You have earned it well.

Dave Conklin - September 25, 2021 at 02:12 PM