

Richard D. Minshall Sr.

March 19, 1944 – Dec. 22, 2003

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Richard Dale Minshall Sr., 59, formerly of Albany died Dec. 22, at a hospital in Yakima, Wash., of complications from diabetes.

He was born in Cainesville, Mo., to Lester Dale Minshall and Pina Irene (Wilson) Minshall.

He moved with his family to Albany in 1947. He attended several schools in Albany until his parents moved to a farm in North Albany. He graduated from Albany Union High School in 1961.

He married Kathy Friskorn in 1964 in Albany. They later divorced.

Mr. Minshall was an avid baseball pitcher and highly regarded his Little League, high school and American Legion coaches. His fastball earned him a contract with the Giants farm team, and he played with them for two years. His father was his most supportive fan.

He moved to Goldendale, Wash., in 1978 to live on a cattle ranch. He married Eulahla Riches. They were divorced last year.

Mr. Minshall enjoyed raising cattle, developing property and watching his children and grandchildren's ball games.

He worked for Barrett Bros. and Wah Chang in Albany. In Washington, he worked for John Deere. He also owned and managed the Simcoe and Heritage House.

He is survived by son Dr. Richard Dale Minshall Jr. of La Grange Park, Ill.; daughters Julie Minshall of Goldendale, Wash., and Leslie Hiebert of Powers; brother Paul Minshall of Tangent; sisters June Zehr of Albany and Bonnie Neuschwander of Spokane, Wash.; and sister-in-law Pam (Friskorn) Smith of Sarasota, Fla., who he raised.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were held Jan. 2 in Goldendale, Wash. His ashes were spread over the pond on his ranch. A celebration of life was held after the funeral. Robin Neuschwander officiated.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Boys & Girls Club of Albany.

