



## Richard A. "Rick" Pelham

November 25, 1959 - January 14, 2020

"Rick" A. Pelham, 60, of Vallejo passed away peacefully following a five month battle with cancer. He was born in Oakland and lived the majority of his life in Contra Costa County before moving to Vallejo 2 years ago. He was a graduate of Mt. Diablo High School, Class of 1977.

Rick was in the automotive and motorcycle business for more than 30 years. He started with Rick's Automotive in the 80's and later with Snap-On Tools and finally with Sun Diagnostic Machines. Rick also owned two other businesses, The Loaded Hog in Pleasant Hill and The Silver Knight in Pittsburg. He loved his family, motorcycle rides, boating on the Delta and will be remembered by family and friends as the life of the party.

Rick is survived by his wife Robin; children Amanda, Samantha & Jeremy; sister Denise Pelham; brother Rodney Pelham; Father and mother-in-laws Mitchell Chernock & Durell Normandan; brother-in-law Mark Fletcher; sister-in-law Rue Fletcher; niece Stephanie Aiken, nephews Randy Aiken, Johnathan Seymour & Christopher Pelham; niece Ashlee Fletcher; nephew Julian Gray; grandchildren Payton Bayes & Jocelynn Ramos. Many people will remember his dog Gunther.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, 12 noon, January 25th at Northgate Christian Fellowship, 2201 Lake Herman Road, Benicia. Rick rode and built motorcycles. In his honor, please ride yours to the memorial.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN **25**. 12:00 AM (PT)

Northgate Christian Fellowship Church  
2201 Lake Herman Rd  
Benicia, CA 94510

# Tribute Wall

KW

“ I knew Rick through the On Track Program of Mt. Diablo Adult Ed, which he joined roughly nine years ago a year after his motorcycle accident. Rick was determined to heal from the results of the TBI that resulted from the accident, and he embraced all the help and support that the program could offer. In the beginning he was had severe aphasia; the thoughts and words were in his head, but getting them out coherently was a struggle. He never gave up until he could write clearly again and read out loud as well as most people who had never had a brain injury. He served on the O.T. Student Council as the class Treasurer, and he could always lighten the mood in class with his good humor, jokes and ready smile. He was one of my most special students, and I miss him.



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**Kat Walden** - January 27, 2020 at 12:12 PM

DE

“ Rick was so kind and encouraging to the staff and students of the On Track program. I will always remember his smile and positive attitude.  
*Debbie McClary*  
*Former On Track Instructor*

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**Debbie** - January 27, 2020 at 11:59 AM

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**Kat Walden** - January 27, 2020 at 11:58 AM

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**Kat Walden** - January 27, 2020 at 11:42 AM

LR

“ Rick , may you " Ride in the Heavens " above free from pain and the struggles ..... I will always cherish our time together.

*famous saying you had ; "I'm Dandy like Candy "*

*All my love !*

*Lisa Reinholdt*



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**Lisa Reinholdt** - January 21, 2020 at 12:31 PM

JC

“ Robin and Family: I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Jane Core

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**Jane Core** - January 20, 2020 at 07:50 PM

EG

“ Closest to a big brother when it mattered. Also, best George Thorogood impression, Bad to the Bone.

*You are missed Ricky, God Bless you family*

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**Ed Gallagher** - January 20, 2020 at 07:46 PM

SH

“ Sending heartfelt thoughts, love, and prayers to Robin and all of Rick's family and friends.

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**Sheila** - January 20, 2020 at 12:29 PM