



Mitchel Ryder

December 17, 1951 - June 3, 2025

Mitchel Glenn Ryder died on June 2, 2025, after battling years of congestive heart

failure, abdominal disease, and in the past year Dementia. Mitch passed peacefully at

home at Carpe Diem farm in Oregon City, Oregon.

Mitch was born December 17, 1951 in Boise, Idaho, as the third child of Naomi and

Glenn Ryder. The family moved from Boise to Portland, where Mitch graduated from

High School and Community College. After working at a print shop for a few years,

Mitch joined his father and uncle as an owner-worker at the Lynnton Plywood Mill, on

the Willamette River. He credits his time at the Plywood Mill for teaching him to respect

the danger in running equipment, resulting in his strong practice of caution.

Mitch loved

working with and operating machinery, always in the process of fixing some piece of

equipment.

In the late 1990's Mitch took a strong interest in genealogy, which grew into a full time

hobby. Days were filled with work on Carpe Diem farm and evenings with extensive research. Mitch credited his study of genealogy with supplying him research tools that revealed the stories behind his Grandpa Wilson's experiences in World War I. Mitch discovered many fascinating stories revolving around his Grandfather Wilson, including his involvement in the famous battle at Belleau Woods where he was severely wounded with mustard gas. Mitch and his wife visited the Belleau Woods forest in France, a trip that was dear to him. Mitch eventually became a "go-to" expert among amateur historians of the First World War, with his website on the 2nd Division being admired by many. During his last days, Mitch passed on the years of collected information to a nephew.

Mitch was a calm, quiet individual with a strong presence. He is greatly missed. Mitch is survived by his wife, Michele Pouliot, his son Troy Kunz, his daughter Monique Baker, his older brother James Ryder, several grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews who held him dear.