

Obituaries

Richard Webb

April 27, 1955 – September 28, 2015

Richard Webb, 60, passed away September 28, 2015, with his family by his side in Bend. A simple ceremony was held Saturday at the Webb's home.

He was born April 27, 1955 to his mother, Lenora O'Dell.

Rick was a lover of classic rock music and his 1990 Fat Boy Harley. He spent his years traveling with his wife, Kelly Webb, and daughter, Nicole Webb, on his bike, visiting family and seeing the country.

Those who knew Rick knew how loving and understanding Rick was. He moved his family out to the Central Oregon area from Southern California in 2002. He loved his family and all the animals that the Webb family had at their small ranch. There was never a dull moment being friends with Rick. He spent his time camping, hiking, and enjoying the outdoors with all his friends and family.

Rick had been battling liver cancer for the past couple of years and had been extremely healthy for someone with his condition. But the disease took his life on that September morning. Rick although fairly unresponsive, waited to hear his loved ones, who couldn't make it in time, prayers and goodbyes over the phone before taking his final breaths, his daughter was lying in his arms, and his local family and wife were by his side.

His final days were spent surrounded by his family and friends. His life would seem too short for many, but those who knew him understood that the quality of his life was so great. He was such a kind, courageous, and loving man who reminded everyone around him how precious life was and how to spend your years with the ones you love.

Richard Webb was a hero, an inspiration, best



friend, husband, father, son, and the most loving man you could know! He was loved by so many. This quote by a man Rick loved sums him up perfectly.

"To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world."
—John Lennon.

To Rick's friends and family, he was the world.

Tourist economy has strong season

By Jim Cornelius
News Editor

Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Judy Trego has an upbeat assessment of Sisters' tourist economy at the tail end of the season.

"What I have heard from the merchants downtown is that they have had a very good year and that their sales are up, some by 30 percent," Trego told *The Nugget* last week.

She said that lodging and resort properties are doing well.

"Aspen Lakes is having weddings, FivePine is booked and Loy (Helmly, manager of Ponderosa Lodge) says they're doing really good as

well," Trego said.

Room-tax collection is an easy way to gauge how many people are traveling to Sisters, and indications are that tourism is up considerably.

Room-tax numbers show an 11.56 percent increase in May, a very slight increase in June, which is always busy anyway, and a 9.8 percent increase in July.

A large increase in the middle of the off-season has drawn notice. There was a 38 percent room tax jump in January, Trego reported.

It's hard to pin down exactly what caused that increase, but the Chamber has made an effort to expand its marketing of Sisters, and good travel conditions due to an unusually dry winter also

probably played a part.

"We can say advertising and great weather help increase sales/lodging," Trego said.

Visitors are coming to Sisters from all corners of the globe.

"We have had visitors from China, Canada the United Kingdom, France, The Netherlands, and from over 20 states who have signed on our log," Trego noted.

Many visitors hear about Sisters by word of mouth, particularly from people who come here for one of Sisters' major events and have a good experience.

"They hear a lot about the events," Trego said. "The word-of-mouth comes from the event piece."

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