



RICHARD “RICK” PETERSON
APRIL 10, 1958—FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Richard “Rick” Peterson of Grangeville, Idaho passed away on February 12, 2019, at age 60 after a courageous battle with brain cancer. .

Rick was instrumental in growing the Central Idaho Babe Ruth League, for which he served as League President from 2003 to 2015. In addition, Rick coached many Babe Ruth and Senior Babe Ruth teams from 1993 to 2006. Players on his teams won several titles in Babe Ruth and one state championship in Senior Babe Ruth.

Rick is survived by his wife Kim and their two sons, Ryan and Wade. Ryan was one of the first recipients to receive a Babe Ruth League College Scholarship. Rick and his family were very proud of this honor and often talked about it with other members of the Babe Ruth family.

Rick and his family lived in Kamiah for six years before moving to Grangeville. After completing a welding program, Rick went to work at the Hanford nuclear site. After a short time away from his family, he moved back to Central Idaho to work in the timber industry. He ran skidder and loader, but his passion was for falling timber. In 1989, he and his father started Gem Chain Bar. He continued to work in the woods full-time, along with nights and weekends at the new business until 1991, when he was able to work at their business full-time. In 2005, they moved the business to Grangeville and, in 2007, he and Kim started a second business, Aqua Jet.

Rick was an avid Grangeville Bulldogs fan, who didn’t miss a single football or baseball game for either of his sons. He was heavily involved in the Grangeville Booster Club, helping cut, split and deliver loads of firewood, among other things.

The outdoors is where Rick went to relax and recharge. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and jet boating.

