



Obituary

Born: Monday, July 27, 1959

Died: Monday, August 12, 2013

Matthew Ellis Richter left this world on August 11, 2013 doing what he loved most, fishing.

He was born July 27, 1959, in Pendleton, Oregon, to Lewis Neil Richter and Mary Louise Hummell. He was the oldest of three children.

He attended Saint Joseph's Academy through the sixth grade and graduated from Pendleton High School in 1978. He enlisted in the Navy right after graduation and was stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for 2 years and ported in several countries including the Philippines, Japan and China. Upon returning to his hometown in 1984, he rekindled a childhood friendship with Tammy Price. On June 15, 1985, he married the love of his life and set up home in the neighborhood he grew up in.

They spent the next 28 years together enjoying time fishing on the Snake River and watching their three children grow up into wonderful adults. Matt's hobbies were camping, fishing and hunting. Matt was a skilled welder, fabricator and metal artist, sharing his talent with friends and family; he was a valuable PGG employee for 19 years. You will find his handy work throughout the Pendleton Community.

He grew up belonging to Saint Mary's Catholic Church; his religious beliefs were important to him as well a strong personal code of ethics that guided his life and gained the admiration of most everyone who knew him. His favorite past times when not outside were to watch football with his father-in-law and watch old time Westerns including Gun Smoke and all John Wayne movies. He also enjoyed Saturday evenings with his friends at Prodigal Son's Brewer.

Matt is survived by his wife, Tammy of Pendleton; his son James Lewis Richter (Sarah) of Pendleton, and his daughters Jenna Marie of Kennewick, Washington and Amy Jo of Pendleton; grandchildren Madeleine, Jameson and Lilianna. He is also survived by his father, Lewis Neil Richter of Cove, Oregon and siblings Joseph Albert Richter of Bend and Nicholas Allen Richter in Terrebonne.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Louise Groves and his sister, Molly Anne.

The rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 15th at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton. Celebration of Life will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 16th at St. Andrew's Church in Mission.

Service Summary

Recitation of the Rosary

7:00 PM Thu Aug 15, 2013

Burns Mortuary

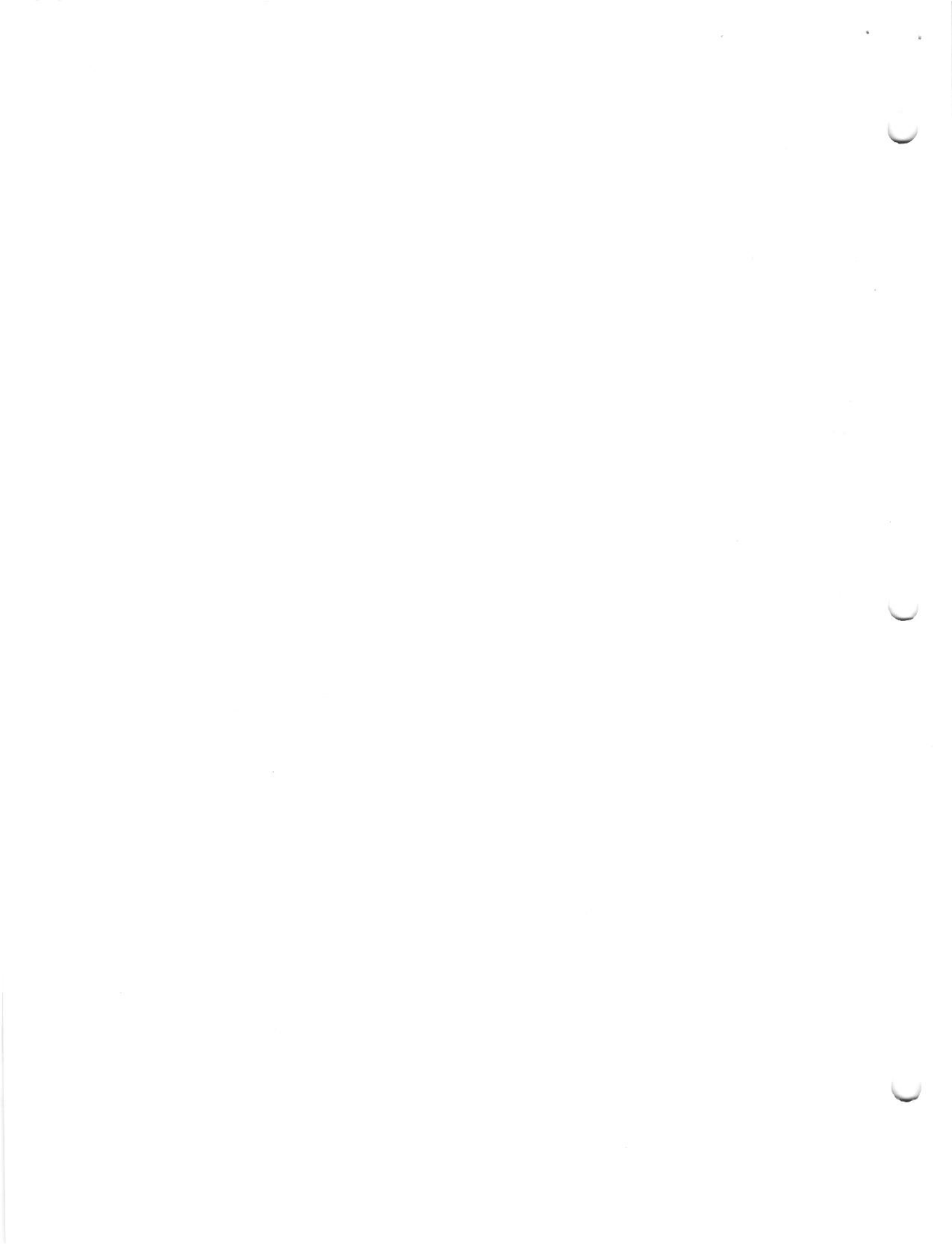
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Celebration of Life

10:00 AM Fri Aug 16, 2013

St. Andrew's Church

48022 St. Andrew's Road
Pendleton, Oregon 97801



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