



Mr. Richard Carl Gruener

July 1, 1963 - October 5, 2021

Richard Carl Gruener, 58, passed away unexpectedly at his home on October 5, 2021. He was born in Houston, Texas, on July 1, 1963, to Earl and Ruby (Plagens) Gruener. He was raised in the Spring Branch Community, where he attended Pine Shadows Elementary, Spring Wood Jr. High and Spring Woods High School. After graduating from high school, Richard went to San Jacinto Jr. College for a certificate in Automotive Technology and then he enrolled in the University of Houston, where he earned a business degree in finance. He worked in the field of Energy, Oil & Gas for 27 years as a Senior Accountant and Financial Analyst. On July 2, 1994, Richard married the love of his life, Nancy Iles, in a romantic ceremony on the island of Maui; a year later, they were blessed with their beautiful baby girl, Lindsey Nicole.

Besides being a cheer Dad during Lindsey's formative years, Richard loved camping, a passion that stemmed back to the trips he took to Huntsville and Livingston State Parks and the Guadalupe River with his family as a young boy; even as an adult, he could not wait to get away to hunt, fish, float, and relax in the great outdoors. Richard enjoyed being an avid sports enthusiast with his early favorites being hockey, golf, softball, and volleyball. His love for golf, traveling, riding his Harley and firing up the BBQ with friends and family were his weekend hobbies.

Richard is survived by his wife Nancy Gruener, daughter Lindsey Gruener and her fiancé Keith Waggoner, his mother and stepfather, Ruby and Bob Jackson, two brothers, Michael and Michele Gruener and John and Barbara Gruener, two uncles and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Richard is preceded in death by his father, Earl Gruener, his maternal and paternal grandparents, aunts, uncles, and a cousin.

