

Reader's Digest

A RARE FIND

WHILE DOING A SITE SURVEY this past May in Mineral County, Nevada, archeologist Jeff Markos discovered a dusty, rotted wallet in the sand. The name on the driver's license was unreadable, but \$550 in cash, some credit cards and a health insurance card with a California address belonging to a Richard Dixon were intact.

Archeologists are part detective, so Markos went to work. He called the credit-card issuers, the health insurance company and even the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, all to no avail. Finally, Michele Di Chiara, an assistant with the Sparks, Nev., police, checked motor-vehicle records and located a Richard Dixon in Huntsville, Utah.

A call was placed, and Markos got on the line. It took the 62-year-old Dixon a minute to get over the shock. "I lost that wallet during a motorcycle race in 1982," he said. And now someone had gone to all this trouble to track him down 14 years later.

"I had a habit of expecting less than the best from people," Dixon says. "This has definitely affected my attitude."

—Frank Mullen, Jr., in Reno, Nev.,
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Jeffrey A. Markos

Aug. 13, 1959-June 6, 1998

SPARKS, Nev. — Jeffrey A. Markos, 38, of Sparks, formerly of Temperance, died June 6 in Kettle Falls, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Ott-Laughlin Funeral Home Chapel, Auburndale, Fla. The Ott-Laughlin Funeral Home at Glen Abby Memorial Gardens, 2198 State Road 542, Auburndale, is in charge of arrangements.

Born Aug. 13, 1959, in Toledo, Mr. Markos was a 1977 graduate of Bedford High School. Temperance. He moved to Sparks, Nev., from Pullman, Wash.

He received an associate of arts degree from Polk Community College, Winter Haven, Fla.; a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University, East Lansing, and a master's degree from Washington State University, Pullman, Wash.

He had been employed as an archaeologist and was a member of the Society of Professional Archaeologists.

Surviving are his father, Bill Markos of Winter Haven, Fla.; his mother, Joyce Markos of Lakeland, Fla.; a brother, Jay Markos of Fort Lewis, Wash., and a sister, Jill Storck of Winter Haven.

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