



## Benton Richardson

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Benton Richardson of Philomath, Oregon died on June 21, 2018 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis, Oregon of complications of pneumonia. He was 85 years old.

Benton was born August 5, 1932 in Megargel, Texas. He was raised in Yuma, Arizona by his mother Cora Irene Reed Richardson and father Sully Landon Richardson. Preceding him in death were his parents, sister Alah Dez Richardson, and brother Winston Watliff Richardson.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy (Dot) Birchell Richardson, daughters Melinda Richardson Passon, Lisa Richardson Brodkorb (Keith), son Doug Richardson, and daughter-in-law Anne Richardson.

Benton joined the Air Force in October 1951 where he met his wife who was also in the Air Force. They were married in January 1956. He served twenty years in the Air Force serving in both the Korean War and Vietnam War in addition to being stationed in: New Mexico, Yuma, Arizona, Tripoli, Libya, Mountain Home, Idaho, and Great Falls, Montana. Retiring as an E-5 Staff Sergeant, he was honorably discharged in October 1971. Upon retirement the

family came to Philomath, Oregon. Benton was active in the community as: a member of the city council, High School Booster Club, helper in constructing the “new” football grandstands, and coaching girls softball.

Benton had an eventful life with many interests and talents. He made many friends from his bicycling club which included a ride across most of the United States. He shared his woodworking skills generously “making sawdust.” He especially enjoyed making Adirondack chairs. He dearly loved his grandchildren; Dustin Acker, Derek Acker, Katina Brodkorb, Sasha Brodkorb, Sean Brodkorb, Lauren Richardson, Lucas Richardson and great-grandchildren; Tayden Dobson, Alivia Acker, and Monroe Acker.

A pot-luck celebration of life will be held at one o’clock on Benton’s birthday August 5, 2018 at Philomath City Park shelter #2. Please come with stories, and if you are a musician be prepared to “jam” a bit for Dad

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 5. 1:00 PM (PT)

Philomath City Park  
299 S 23rd St.  
Philomath, OR 97370

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Melinda, I just wanted to send my condolences. You are in my thoughts.*

*Cindi Tandy*

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**Cindi Tandy** - July 30, 2018 at 09:32 AM