



## Byron George Mikkelson

March 17, 1938 - January 9, 2023

Byron was born in Salem on a snowy St. Patrick's Day. He grew up on the family farm in Silverton and graduated from Silverton High School.

He received a degree in Agricultural Engineering from OSU.

After graduation, Byron worked for the USDA at OSU and helped invent machines for testing seed purity, some of which are still likely used at the OSU Seed Lab.

When employed at OSU, Byron met the love of his life, Carol, on a blind date. They married in 1964.

While serving in the National Guard, he was a helicopter mechanic. Ironically, he never rode in one!

Byron dedicated most of his life to farming. He sold Schaeffer lubricants from 1973 until his passing. Many of his customers became good friends.

Byron was fun-loving with a great sense of humor and always had a twinkle in his eye. Quick-witted, he enjoyed making others laugh. He loved adventures--especially waterskiing and snowmobiling--anything that involved water or motorized vehicles! He enjoyed fishing/boating/biking at Diamond Lake. He

also liked Sunday drives, going to the coast and especially Mo's clam chowder. Above all, his favorite thing was spending time with family.

Byron was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was a hardworking, honest man and was a jack of all trades. He loved tinkering and working with his hands.

He is survived by his wife Carol, his son Scott (Julie), daughter Sherry, and granddaughter Camilla--as well as beloved relatives and friends. Byron will be sorely missed by everyone that knew him. He was quick to laugh and lived life to the fullest. Hopefully there are hot dogs in heaven.

Per his wishes, there will be no service. Donations can be made in his name to Wounded Warriors or any charity.

# Cemetery Details

## **Oak Lawn Cemetery**

2245 SW Whiteside Drive  
Corvallis, OR 97333  
(541) 753-4532

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nancy Hundley lit a candle in memory of Byron George Mikkelson*



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**Nancy Hundley** - February 25, 2023 at 06:59 PM



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**McHenry Funeral Home** - February 01, 2023 at 11:59 AM

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“Byron was my mother's first cousin. I'm sharing a picture of Byron and my mother Joan in front of the farm where he grew up. Mom and Byron were close as children and played together whenever she visited their Farm, she loved him dearly. I remember Byron very well, and will always remember his smile and his kind sweet demeanor. I didn't see Byron's parents honored in his obituary, I remember his father George as being larger than life. His mother Inez was one of the kindest people I ever met and I loved visiting them on their Farm, and I can still hear her adorable giggle, and my Uncle George's huge booming laugh. I spoke to Byron a few years back when I was passing through Howell Prairie to visit the original Mikkelson homestead, where Byron grew up and was still farming at that time. We agreed to meet there the next time I was in town, and I wish I would have made that trip sooner so I could have gotten one more hug from my sweet cousin. My deepest condolences to his family, I am so sorry for this huge loss. Love, from your cousin Teri (Fiscus) Christensen in Washington State.



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**Teri Christensen** - January 28, 2023 at 04:25 PM

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**Teri Christensen** - January 28, 2023 at 04:22 PM

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“ Avery and Ange Sobiegraj lit a candle in memory of Byron Mikkelson



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**Avery Jones and Ange Sobiegraj** - January 28, 2023 at 10:13 AM