



Dale Oakerman

August 18, 1934 - March 25, 2011

Dale Everett Oakerman, 76, died of complications of cancer on Friday, March 25, at his home.

Dale was born on Aug. 18, 1934, in Portland. He grew up in the Children's Farm Home until graduating from Corvallis High School. Shortly thereafter, Dale joined the U.S. Navy and served in the South Pacific. After graduating from Oregon State University with a degree in education, Dale married Diane Miller on Dec. 23, 1962. They lived in Harrisburg, raising a son and a daughter.

Dale was a school administrator and teacher, serving at Wyatt Elementary School in Harrisburg, Riverside School in Albany, McFarland Elementary School in Albany, and North Albany Middle School. He later went on to receive his Master's Degree in Education from Oregon State.

Dale enjoyed gardening and rock collecting. He volunteered as a firefighter and emergency medical technician for the Harrisburg Fire Department, and was an active member of the Lutheran Church.

Dale is survived by his wife of 48 years, Diane; son and daughter-in-law, Trevor and Christi Oakerman; daughter, Michelle Murphy; brother, Robert Oleachea; and five grandchildren.

Services will take place at 11 a.m., March 29, at Zion Lutheran Church in Corvallis. McHenry Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.