



David Raymond Prichard

April 4, 1930 - July 9, 2017

David Raymond Prichard of Corvallis departed this life on July 9, 2017 at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis.

He was born to Paul and Olive Elsie (Lee) Prichard in Riverside, California on April 4, 1930. His brothers, John and Robert, and sister Marjorie Jean completed the family. David graduated from Strathmore Union High School and University of California Berkeley with a B.A. He did graduate work in history, political science, and international relations at UCLA and University of Oregon, and completed work for his Master's degree at Oregon State University.

His earliest teaching experience was in outdoor schools in California and Texas. He was then drafted and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After this, he also taught school in McKenzie River, Alsea, Hebo, and Corvallis elementary schools for a total teaching career of 36 years.

On June 29, 1974 he married Sharon Nordlund, and they adopted daughters Michelle and Renee in 1978. His special interests were hiking -- especially wilderness hiking; reading -- especially theology and history; swimming; listening to music -- especially classical; and singing and playing his guitar. He enjoyed watching sports events, particularly those involving the California Bears or Oregon State Beavers. David found joy leading and participating in church events and was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

David was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, John and Robert. He is survived by his sister, Marjorie Jean Wickey, his wife Sharon, daughters Michelle and Renee, grandchildren Mikaela, Caleb, Hamilton, Harmony, and by great grandson Lucas, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews. He is much loved by his relatives and friends, and will be missed greatly. He was eagerly anticipating his heavenly home with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 5005 NW Highland Dr, Corvallis, OR 97330

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (PT)

Westminster Presbyterian Church
5005 NW Highland Drive
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

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“ David was a regular shopper at Winco Foods we have all grew very fond of him and his sudden death has saddened us deeply.He would come daily on his trek rain or shine with a umbrella in one hand and a cane in the other always buying just enough to carry in his one bag or under his arm and always a Oregonian newspaper,ld watch him venture in each morning lately in his hiking shorts and boots always like he was on a misson. I ask him one rainy day if he brought us sunshine and he d laugh and say no not today.He made a point to remember your name as a regular we always remembered his to and it made him smile.We d ring him up and he d take his time and produce the perfect change down to the penny he then proceed down the belt receipt in hand and and study it as a teacher would do and if find no mistakes be on his way.Oh David youll be missed so much you were a part of my day you made me smile on so many days.

charlene - July 15, 2017 at 01:19 AM

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“ To the Prichard family. My heart felt sympathy for the loss of David. Although I didn't know him on an intimate level, I knew him for years with our interactions at the Credit Union or as we would pass each other on a walk. I was blessed to share some important moments in his life in which the Credit Union could assist. I truly enjoyed my many visits with David and found him to be such a good person. My thoughts and prayers are with you, and know that he will always be with me in fond memories.

Sincerely,

Joe Tofte - Benton County Schools Credit Union.

Joe Tofte - July 14, 2017 at 12:15 PM