



James G. Vandecoevering

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James was born in Corvallis.

He was adopted in 1936, changing his last name from Mickalson to Vandecoevering. On June 13, 1953, he married Marion Forcier. Marion passed away in 2004. Together they had six children, with three surviving them: Leo, Rhonda and Daniel (Dan) Vandecoevering. James also is survived by four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren (with an eighth on the way) — all of whom loved him very much!

James was a farmer, then worked for more than 30 years as a groundskeeper at Oregon State University. He had an incredible work ethic and a deep commitment to providing for his family. His hobbies included reading, playing Jeopardy, creating small inventions around the house, and playing with technology, for which he had an understanding well beyond his years. He was a smart man who was loyal to his wife and family.

A memorial service to celebrate Jim's life will take place at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, at McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330, followed by a graveside committal at Oaklawn Memorial Park.

Please leave your thoughts and memories at www.mchenryfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

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

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“ I am so sorry to hear of your recent loss. I worked with Jim for many years at OSU landscape shop. We became friends over time and spoke several times by phone after his retirement. He occasionally came to visit us in the shops when he was in stronger health. He once gave me a most generous gift, a camper. I tried to pay him for it but he refused. He told me to help someone else when I got a chance. You'll be glad to know that I did just that. And every time I have had the privilege to help someone in need I thought of Jim. I have passed on his sage advice to many others over time, to pay it forward. I hope that you receive some pleasure in this time of grieving knowing that Jim made a positive difference in my life and the lives of many others. I will keep Jim and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Peace to you. Joe Majeski.

Joe Majeski - November 18, 2014 at 09:40 PM