



## Knud S. Larsen

May 19, 1938 - July 12, 2022

Knud Sonderhede Larsen, age 84, passed away peacefully in his Corvallis residence on Tuesday July 12th. Born in Silkeborg, Denmark to Jens Sonderhede Larsen, and Gerda Nielsine Marie Larsen, he was one of six siblings. Most of his immediate family immigrated to California in 1954. In 1958, he married the love of his life, Katherine Janice Kempf. Three children followed. While raising his family, he pursued his B.A., M.A., and Doctoral degrees in psychology. Knud had a distinguished career at Oregon State University, attaining full professorship. Additionally, Knud taught, researched, and guest lectured at other universities around the globe including Norway, Denmark, England, Bulgaria, and Viet Nam throughout his career. He is well published and is the author of many articles and books in the field of social psychology.

Knud also had a passion for political and social issues throughout his life. In his retirement years, Knud enjoyed his professor emeritus status with Oregon State University, travel, cruising, reading, writing books, guest lecturing, and spending time with his family, especially the grand children and great grand children.

Two of his siblings, brother Peter Larsen, and half sister Ulla passed away in Denmark.

Knud is survived by his widow, Katherine Larsen of Corvallis, OR, his daughters, Susan Larsen of Albany, OR, Debra Green of Dallas, OR; his son, Peter Larsen of Albany, OR; eight grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren;

and brothers Villy Larsen of Mission Viejo CA, Kurt Larsen of Pleasant Grove,  
UT and sister Solveig Ware of Ontario, CA.

# Cemetery Details

## **Twin Oaks Memorial Gardens**

34275 Riverside Dr  
Albany, OR 97321

# Tribute Wall

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“ *William Brant lit a candle in memory of Knud Larsen*



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**William Brant** - September 20, 2024 at 06:46 AM

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“ *Dr. Knud Larsen was one of my professors at OSU in the late 1970s. I was so impressed with his research in social psychology, especially in social justice, racism, cross-cultural studies. He will be remembered and the world will continue to benefit from his contributions. I even bought one of his books which was not my textbook, later to be donated to Friends of the Benton County Library in order to share his wise words with others. Nancy Butler-Neary*

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**Nancy Butler-Neary** - July 16, 2022 at 03:50 PM