



## Merle Aldon Waterman

September 6, 1931 - February 17, 2019

On February 17, 2019, Merle Aldon Waterman passed away at the age of 87. Merle will be forever loved and deeply missed by Emma Caroline Waterman, his wife of 60 years, his three children Marian, Melody and Merle II, his seven grandchildren, Ceileigh, Rachel, Django, Derek, Quinn, Gina and Fiona, his sister Carol Kooistra and sisters-in-law Ruth Rhoades and Beth Phillips and brother-in-law Bill Schumacher. Merle was pre-deceased by brothers Byron and Jack Waterman.

Merle was born September 6, 1931 in Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, Canada. He grew up in Vernon, British Columbia and after hitchhiking to Oregon in search of summer work as a teenager, he graduated from McLoughlin High School in Milton-Freewater. Merle settled in Pendleton, Oregon, working as a Freight Clerk for the Union Pacific Railroad for 16 years and capturing the heart of his soon-to-be-wife Caroline. In 1972, Merle and Caroline relocated their family to Corvallis, Oregon. Merle worked for several firms including Summit Information Systems. After his retirement from Summit in 1996, Merle's favorite work was serving his family, making and eating cookie dough with his grandchildren, writing letters to his large, extended family, tending his house and garden, exercising with his Fitness-Over-50 friends and worshipping with his church family at Servant's Fellowship. Merle was a kind and honorable man with an inexhaustible supply of love and generosity for family, friends and fellow man. The family suggests that donations in his memory be sent to The

Navigators ([www.navigators.org](http://www.navigators.org)).

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ I first met Merle when we worked together at Neptune MicroFLOC in the early 70's. Later when my children were of piano playing age, I took them to his house where his beloved Carolyn taught them lessons till we moved to Bend. I loved watching his three children grow up through reading the yearly Christmas letter. One year I took a childcare class that Carolyn and Merle team taught. I learned many valuable things not only because of the content but because of their respectful relationship towards one another. It was a beautiful thing! God bless you and give you comfort from the many precious memories you shared. Donna and Vern McDonald

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**Donna and Vern McDonald** - March 13, 2019 at 07:50 PM

JR

“ Merle always carried a smile. He was one of the sweetest men I will ever know. RIP!

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**Julie H Rodgers** - February 21, 2019 at 05:01 PM

SS

“ I met Merle while working at Summit Information Systems, we instantly became friends, he always had a kind word for everyone. While talking to my mom one day, I mentioned Merle and she told me that she and Merle graduated in the same class from McLoughlin High School in the 'big' town of Milton-Freewater and sent me his picture from the year book.

*Merle was a kind and gentle person and will be missed!*

*Scott Swearingin*

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**Scott Swearingin** - February 20, 2019 at 12:44 PM

CI

“ *Merle was a wonderful, caring and positive force in my life when we worked at Summit together. Although I worked out in the field for most of the time, he remembered names and was always so welcoming when I came home. Such a lovely soul he had. He has been missed from the Summit family and will certainly be missed from this life. RIP.*



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**Charlotte Isakson** - February 20, 2019 at 12:31 PM

MW

“ *Merle, you were such a delight. I am so glad your found Emma Caroline. Joys in our lives and for your children. You will be missed. Marion Weickum*

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**Marion Harris Weickum** - February 19, 2019 at 10:47 PM