



Richard Evan Forbess

July 16, 1933 - September 9, 2020

Richard Evan Forbess, 87, of Corvallis, OR passed away at Timberhill Court in Albany, OR on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

Richard was born July 16, 1933 in Twin Falls, Idaho to Richard Alvin Forbess and Erma (Evans) Forbess. He was the oldest of three boys. After moving several times due to his father's job transfers, the family settled in Nyssa, Oregon where he graduated from Nyssa High School.

He went to Oregon State College where he met Carmella Burch. They were married during Spring Break in March 1955. They bought a house in Corvallis and raised four children. Richard started off washing cars at OSU Motor Pool while a student before taking a full-time job as a mechanic. He worked for 35 years and retired as shop superintendent.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two daughters, Wendy Ann Forbess and Debra Dianne Rodriguez.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Carmella; brothers Ronald Forbess (Patricia;) and Dennis Forbess (Ella;) daughter Bonne Lee Breithaupt (Craig;) son, Joel Evan Forbess (Tracy;) and two grandsons: Daniel Robert Breithaupt and Andrew Rodriguez.

His friends and family knew him as a quiet, kind man with a mischievous sense of humor. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A memorial service is planned for Friday, September 18, 2020 at 11:00 in the McHenry Funeral Home Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations made to the charity of your choice. Inurnment will be at a later date at Oak Lawn Memorial Park in Corvallis. Please leave condolence messages for the family here on the website.

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall



“ McHenry Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Evan Forbess



McHenry Funeral Home - September 16, 2020 at 05:37 PM

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“ My oldest memory of our cousin Richard was in the early '50s. We took an annual summer trip to Malad to visit our grandparents. Richard would be there for the summer to help Grandpa and Uncle Earl with the farm work. At the end of one summer my brother Dave and I were thrilled when Richard rode with us to return home to Nyssa. We so admired our older Forbess cousins. Mike Smalley

Mike Smalley - October 09, 2020 at 04:15 PM

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Mike Smalley - October 09, 2020 at 02:59 PM

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Richard was the oldest grandchild. We all looked up to him so much

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*Malad Idaho, 27 July 1960, Grandma Evans Memorial Services, L to R
Back to Front: Jon & George Smalley, Uncle*

*Gomer Evans?, Ilene Smalley, Dick Forbess, Chet & Lucille Evans,
Lynn & Jennie Alder, Richard, Carmella, Wendy*

*& Ron Forbess, Wes Evans, Mike Smalley, Dixie Lynn Evans, Erma &
Bonnie Forbess, Dixie Evans, Mary Palmer,*

*Craig Evans, Janet & Marilyn Smalley, Debra Forbess, Judy Alder,
Dianne Evans, Dave Smalley, Jeff Alder*

Mike Smalley - October 09, 2020 at 04:03 PM

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Malad Idaho, 27 July 1960, Grandma Evans Memorial Service

Mike Smalley - October 09, 2020 at 04:04 PM

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Ronald Forbess - September 19, 2020 at 05:46 PM

DS

“ *Best wishes and condolences to the Forbess family at this difficult time! Richard and his 2 younger brothers always brought entertainment and smiles to their Aunt Ilene, my mom. David & Tamera Smalley*



David Smalley - September 17, 2020 at 03:42 PM

JF

“ *Dad, you were an inspiration to me and others who were lucky to know you. Your intelligence, calm bearing and sense of humor will always be with me. You will be missed. Joel*

Joel Forbess - September 17, 2020 at 12:24 PM