



## Richard Larkin

October 3, 1929 - November 12, 2015

Richard Larkin has been a farmer, a Korean War veteran, a proud father, an educator, a successful business man, and last but not least, an enthusiastic Oregon State Beaver Booster.

Richard was born in Corvallis on Oct. 3, 1929, at his uncle's house on 919 S. 10th St. His parents lived on a farm near Monroe but came to Corvallis for his birth.

Richard attended elementary schools in Alpine and Bellfountain and high school in Monroe. He worked on his dad's farm located between Bellfountain and Monroe until enlisting in the Air Force at the age of 21. He served four years and saw service in the Korean War as a squadron operations airman. Upon completing his military service, Richard continued his education at Oregon State University. In 1956, he married Dorothy Jean King. Dorothy had three children from a former marriage, Steven, David and Shirley. Richard embraced them as his own. Later, he and Dorothy had two children, Greg and Sheri. Richard was very proud of all five.

In the fall of 1957 Richard received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Education from Oregon State and a few years later a master's degree.

Richard's profession as an educator started by teaching the eighth grade in Harrisburg. In 1963 he accepted a position as principal in Gold Beach and later became superintendent. In 1975 he accepted the superintendent position in Lakeview. In 1976, he and Dorothy were able to purchase a partnership in a premium insurance finance firm in Hillsboro and so he left the education

profession and became a successful business man.

Richard and Dorothy retired in 1995 and had many happy years traveling, cruising, enjoying a home they built on the Rogue River, fishing, and attending Beaver football and basketball games. Dorothy passed away in March of 2006 and Richard eventually moved from Hillsboro to Corvallis and later to Sweet Home.

He was born, raised, and educated in Oregon. He married, raised a family, and worked in Oregon. He lived his entire life in Oregon and he passed away in Oregon on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015.

Richard is survived by his brother, Connie Ray from Bend; sons Steven from Corvallis, David from Pleasanton, California, and Greg from Sweet Home; daughters Shirley from Lake Forest, California, and Sheri from Hillsboro; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A funeral service is planned for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at McHenry Funeral Home. The casket will be open for one hour prior to the service. A graveside service will follow at Alpine Cemetery in Alpine. There will be a reception after the graveside service at 1 p.m. at The Vue, 517 S.W. Second St., Corvallis.

Memorial donations in Richard's name may be directed to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund at <http://curealz.org>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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

## Funeral Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (PT)

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

## Graveside Committal

NOV 18. 12:30 PM (PT)

Alpine Cemetery  
Alpine, OR