



Richard Edwin Rossiter

June 10, 1943 - December 30, 2023

Richard was born on June 10, 1943 in Canton Ohio to the late Harold Rossiter and the late Ruth Burkhart Rossiter.

In his youth, Richard enjoyed sports, cars and music. He pitched for his high school baseball team and competed in one of the country's first school gymnastics programs. He loved attending the races with his father and working on his own Jaguar. At 16, he taught himself to play guitar and played in the band, The Jovell's.

While attending Kent State University, he met his future wife, Theresa Swanson, when she joined his folk music group The Lowlanders. The band played concerts and had a weekly radio show on WKSU. Richard and Theresa married in 1966 and had a daughter, Lisa, in 1968.

After earning a Bachelors of Business Administration in 1966, Richard began his career at Firestone working on early mainframe computers. The family's years in Ohio were filled with camping trips and basement workshop projects including a playhouse and dollhouse for his daughter and scale models for his Lionel train collection.

The family moved west in 1977 and settled in Corvallis, Oregon where Richard joined CH2M Hill to work on USAID funded wastewater cleanup

projects. In addition to his work on the Willamette River, he worked on projects in Milwaukee, WI, Alexandria and Cairo, Egypt and Washington D.C. Upon retiring, he and Theresa moved back to Corvallis.

After Theresa passed away in 2011, Richard moved to the Columbia Gorge to live with his daughter and granddaughter. Here he enjoyed walking in the forest, feeding the wild birds and attending performances by the Gorge's many outstanding musical artists.

Richard is survived by his daughter Lisa Rossiter and granddaughter Halcyon Rhodes of Bingen, WA, his sister Barbara Goodwin of Chesterfield, VA, his brother David Rossiter of Toledo, OH and his sister-in-law Maureen Swanson of Hood River, OR.

Richard was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend. He loved deeply and appreciated greatly and brightened many lives with his smart, dry wit. A Celebration of Life will be held in Virginia in the Spring or Summer.

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

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