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Dick, 76, of Corvallis, OR passed away December 15, 2023 at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis, due to the effects of multiple myeloma. He passed peacefully being held by his wife Mary and daughter Christy, and in the company of his "other daughter" Shannon Richter.

Dick was born September 5, 1947 to Marshall & Helen Toliver at Emanuel Hospital in Portland, OR. He was an only child but had many friends that were like siblings to him. He played the accordion and keyboard from childhood into adulthood. He attended Woodstock grade school and was a proud graduate of Franklin High School in Portland.

Dick was drafted in 1966 and served in the US Army in Vietnam. His love of math saved him from the frontline by getting him into fire direction - back when human calculators were trusted over computers.

He met his wife, Mary Lou Biggs, through friends on June 5, 1972 - their first date was over laundry. They married August 5, 1973 in Portland. Dick & Mary moved to Corvallis in 1974, where he attended OSU, majoring in accounting

and minoring in computer science. They had one child who he adored, Christy Ann, born March 26, 1985. Dick was the first to hold her, also at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center.

Dick's early employment started as a young boy, having a paper route before being a student janitor at Franklin High, busboy at the Towne Crier, soda jerk at the Tik Tok, and various positions at Tops All Thriftway stores. While attending OSU, he worked in the Business Office, and after graduation, for Truax Inc. and Corvallis Hardware before ending his career back at OSU, as an accountant in Microbiology and then the Arts & Sciences Business Center.

Dick was a long time member of The American Legion Post 150 of Portland, was raised Methodist at Trinity Methodist Church in Portland, and joined First Presbyterian Church of Corvallis with his wife later on. He volunteered at Highland View Middle School when his daughter was a student, at Garfield Elementary when she was an educator, as an usher at First Presbyterian Church, and many years of da Vinci Days and Fall Festival in Corvallis. He loved to support his daughter and her friends in numerous endeavors, including Camp Fire Boys & Girls, multiple decades of softball and other games, plays, concerts, and life events. He also found joy in watching his cousins, nieces, and nephews act in plays.

Dick loved oldies and classic cars, movies, and TV shows, and had an expansive collection of T-shirts from many places, including OSU! He also made a lifelong habit of treasuring his friends. In recent years, Dick enjoyed when friends would visit and his daily watching of the birds at the feeders and birdbaths, the squirrels playing in the yard, and the fish in the pond.

Dick is preceded in death by his father Marshall, mother Helen, aunts and uncles, two cousins, a sister-in-law and her husband, as well as a handful of friends and fellow servicemen. He is survived by his wife Mary, his daughter

Christy, 18 cousins, a sister-in law, 19 nieces and nephews, and many friends he considered family.

The family would like to thank staff at the Pastega Regional Cancer Center, especially his infusion nurse Charling for her amazing care. His family is also grateful for the wonderful medical staff at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center during his stays, as well as all of his regular providers.

Dates for a family graveside service at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, as well as a celebration of life in Corvallis will be announced later this winter.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Corvallis or an organization of your choice that supports veterans or cancer research.

Dick's service will be held at First Presbyterian Church on March 16th at 2:00pm. You are welcome to wear or not wear a mask to the celebration. Dick's family is still masking, but others are welcome to choose what is most comfortable to them. We do request those that might be ill to support the safety of vulnerable attendees by wearing a mask when joining the celebration.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 16. 2:00 PM (PT)

First Presbyterian Church
114 SW 8th St
Corvallis, OR 97333

The service will take place in the Church Sanctuary. The sanctuary can be reached directly from Monroe or 8th street, or through the building from the west-side parking lot. The celebration will include a ceremony as well as a reception with light refreshments to connect over.

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“ I will always hold Dick in the highest regard. He was incredibly kind and caring. I know he had many friends and he made each of us feel we were his best friend. He was also a very funny guy with a quick quip or nutty story. He could also take ribbing in a good natured way. We worked together at Truax Corp. and then again at OSU although in different departments. One time while we were at Truax he said that he was leaving for a short time to get a haircut. As he headed out I said for him to tell the guy, "Not too much off the top". He stopped in his tracks and looked at me and said, "Really!". Dick was always the kind of guy you could count on. I can't remember how many times he stopped his work to give me a hand on a project. His keen mind was quick to find the "problem" and come up with a solution.

I will always be thankful for our friendship. As the Greeks say, "May his memory be eternal". We love you, Dick.

George & Angie Voss

George Voss - December 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM