



Robert L Schmidt

November 21, 1936 - January 10, 2025

Robert Lorenz Schmidt

was born in Corvallis to Lorenz Schmidt and Thelma Bottger Schmidt Townsend and died January 10, 2024. He was 88.

He graduated Class of 1955 from Corvallis High School and attended Oregon State College. He joined the Navy and was a hospital corpsman on the USS St. Paul and at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego. After his discharge from the Navy he became a Firefighter for the City of Corvallis, obtaining the rank of Captain. He then worked at Good Samaritan Hospital's Surgery Department and then three years at Group Health in Seattle. He then got his Physician Assistant license and worked at the Corvallis Clinic's Surgery Department until he retired.

He married Carmen Gregg in 1957. She died in 1973. He married Susan Mayer Vasilopoulos in 1975.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, his sister, Alicia Van Geest; brother, Steve Schmidt (Phyllis); children Kimberly Schmidt Knorr and Jeffery Schmidt (Lori); stepson, Mike Vasilopoulos (Christie) and grandchildren Joe Schmidt, Lucas Knorr, Nick Vasilopoulos, and Alex Vasilopoulos. The saddest moment of his life came with the death of his beloved granddaughter, Jennifer Schmidt, in 2017.

He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church and served on the Zion Lutheran School board for several years. He was an early member of the OSU Beaver Club, the Elks Club and the Moose. He and his wife, Susan, were avid Beaver fans and traveled with the team to many games. Bob was fondly known as "Beaver Bob" and had an extensive collection of Beaver memorabilia. His favorite activities were watching Beaver sports, stamp collecting, working jigsaw puzzles and especially following his grandchildren's activities.

Bob was soft-spoken, kind and loyal. He was well liked by everyone.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bob's name to Zion Lutheran School, 2800 NW Tyler, Corvallis OR, 97330 or Lumina Hospice, 720 SW 4th, Corvallis, OR 97333. A memorial service will be held at a later date.