



Robert Charles Ulrich

April 1, 1940 - January 8, 2023

Robert Charles Ulrich passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer on January 8th 2023 at the age of 82, in Corvallis, OR.

He was born on April 1, 1940 in Seattle, Washington to Karl Anton Ulrich and Katherine Mary Steiner Ulrich. He was their second child, joining older sister Arlene Anne. He lived most of his young life at “5 Mile Lake”, a resort his parents owned and operated for many years. This is where he learned to work, cleaning the resort and building projects alongside his dad. He graduated from Federal Way High School in 1958 and signed up for the United States Navy that summer. He served aboard the aircraft carrier, the USS Hornet, which is now a museum docked in Alameda. In 1960 he began his college education at the University of Washington and graduated with a BS, MA, and finally PhD in Education. He started teaching and coaching wrestling in Orting, WA and then to Auburn’s Cascade Middle School and Auburn High School.

In 1972 he married Frieda Louise Betschart of Modesto, California and in 1978 they moved to Corvallis where Bob taught math for 25 enjoyable years at Linn Benton Community College. In 1979 their first son Anton Karl was born followed by daughters AnnaMarie in 1981 and Heidi Charlene in 1982. Sadly, Heidi passed away in 1985. In 1987 daughter Charlene Louise was born followed by their last son Martin (Marty) Robert Anton in 1989. In 2014 their 2 grandsons, Dalton Robert and Conner Anthony Ulrich moved in, and together

they raised the two boys.

Bob was an active and ambitious man. He had a variety of interests and hobbies. First and foremost, this included his Swiss culture. He played Swiss music, playing soprano sax in several Swiss dance bands. He enjoyed jodeling, and was the President of a Sangerfest (a Swiss Singing and Jodeling Festival). He was a Swiss wrestler in the 1960s. He made 12 trips to Switzerland and enjoyed hiking in the mountains. Swiss dancing was also a favorite. He also enjoyed making apple cider from his trees, gardening, nature and its beauty, building things (he built their family home 90% by himself), reading math and science journals, and participating in Corvallis Community Theater musicals. His final project was writing a family friendly musical of his own. There wasn't a challenge that he wasn't afraid of, including his fight with cancer that started in 1992. In 2022, he was a part of prostate cancer research at Oregon Health Science University in Portland where he received experimental treatment. He was a loving and fun husband, dad, grandfather, brother and friend to so many.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Frieda; his children Anton, AnnaMarie, Charlene and Marty; his grandsons, Dalton and Conner; his sister, Arlene Carpenter; her children Kathi Frerichs, Karlene Haisch, Dave and Don Henline; his sister-in-law Heidi, Margie, Linda and Charlene Betschart; brother-in-law John Carpenter, Tony and Thedy Betschart. He is joining in heaven, his daughter, Heidi, his parents, Karl and Katherine Ulrich, in-laws Anton and EdaMae Betschart, brother-in-law Bill Henline and niece-in-law Donna Henline.

ROSARY: Friday, January 27, 2023 3:00 pm McHenry Funeral Home 206 NW 5th Street, Corvallis, OR 97330

FUNERAL SERVICE: Saturday, January 28th 2023 1:00 pm St. Mary's Catholic Church, 501 NW 25th Street, Corvallis, OR 97330

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

REMEMBRANCES: In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you remit

remembrances to the West Coast Swiss Club of your choice or the charity of your choice.

CARDS CAN BE SENT TO: Frieda Ulrich, 37706 Govier Pl, Corvallis, OR 97330

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 27. 3:00 PM (PT)

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206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR 97330
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info@mchenryfuneralhome.com

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Tribute Wall



“ *Enjoyed the many activities over the years. UW, theater, mathematics, family, graduate school, over the years.* ”

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