



Roger F. Evans

June 15, 1939 - January 5, 2024

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Roger Evans passed away January 5, 2024, in Corvallis, Oregon at Willamette Springs Memory Care. Roger was born June 15, 1939, in Holdrege, Nebraska. His parents were Fred K. Evans and H. Ruth Evans, and he was raised in Arapahoe, Nebraska. He had one sister, Joyce. Growing up Roger was active in the Boy Scouts, earning his Eagle Scout award, school athletics & activities and church youth group. Roger graduated from Arapahoe High School in May of 1957. That fall he enrolled at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. On campus he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, campus organizations, and was an Air Force ROTC cadet. Roger graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1962. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force at graduation and served three years in Southern California. He attended graduate school at Purdue University, graduating with his master's degree in industrial administration in 1966. Roger worked for Eastman Kodak in Rochester, New York, Arthur Anderson in Chicago, Illinois, and electronic firms in the San Francisco Bay Area. He began his employment with Hewlett Packard in 1975. In 1977 Roger and his family moved from the Santa Cruz, CA, area to Corvallis with the opening of the new Hewlett Packard facility in Corvallis. During his HP time, he received two US patents in collaboration with Hewlett Packard. Roger retired from HP in 2002 after almost 30 years. He enjoyed watching college football and was a true University of Nebraska and Oregon

State University fan. His favorite outdoor activities were camping, backpacking, running, and golf. In retirement, volunteering for community organizations filled his time. He was a member of Kiwanis and active in Boy Scouts at the troop, district, and council levels. He received his Silver Beaver Award in 1989. He was a 60+ year member of the Masonic Lodge, Holdrege, NE. He also served on several community committees, as well as at his church, First Presbyterian Church of Corvallis.

Roger met his wife, Nancy (Cunningham) in Southern California in 1964. They were married on December 28, 1965, in her hometown of Fontana, CA. They began their 58 years together in a small studio apartment on the campus of Purdue University. They raised their children, Tyler born in 1968 and Robyn born 1972, in the same house and neighborhood they moved to on New Years Day 1977. Roger was a loving and supportive father of their activities and life's decisions.

Roger is survived by wife Nancy, son Tyler, daughter-in-law Lindsay, granddaughter Audrey and grandson Ayden of Papillion, NE; daughter Robyn and grandson Henry of Seattle, WA; sister Joyce Norris (Jack) of Ft. Worth, TX; and brother-in-law, Douglas Cunningham (Linda) of Lexington, KY. As well as extended family in Texas, Kentucky, Nebraska, and Colorado. Roger was predeceased by his parents Fred & Ruth Evans and parents-in-law, Melvin & Cathrine Cunningham.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances to The Grace Center for Adult Day Services, Corvallis, OR and Oregon Trail Council, BSA, Eugene, OR would be appreciated by Roger's family.

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

2245 SW Whiteside Drive
Corvallis, OR 97333
(541) 753-4532

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 17. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall

RM

“ I met Roger while working at HP Advanced Products Division in Cupertino, CA on Pruneridge Road. I was a mail and office supply clerk and met him while delivering his mail. Roger was a great person. My first name is also Roger and we both moved to Corvallis, OR when the HP plant opened up there in 1976. I will always remember Roger as he made me laugh and was always very giving and considerate. Rest in peace, Roger, was thinking about you and looked you up.

Roger Myers - January 29 at 08:03 PM



“ Roger was such a great guy, I can still hear his voice in my head. It seems to me, looking back on it, that he always ended a story or insight with a little chuckle. He inspired me to not take myself too seriously and let the little things that didn't go right roll off my back. Keep the grin going up there, Roger. See you soon.

Bob Conder - February 17, 2024 at 01:54 PM

RB

“ I met Roger at HP and worked with him over the year both at HP and Scouting. One of my memories of Roger was seeing him up on one of the robot tables pulling the robot head up and slamming it down to get the sleeve bearing back in place. It just looked so funny. Roger seemed always get the job done. Another was when I went back on Day shift. The first morning back on days, Roger was at my desk seeing what job I wanted in Scouts:) I always enjoyed Roger and we will miss him. JR Brodbeck

Ralph Brodbeck - February 12, 2024 at 09:49 AM

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“ I met Nancy at OSU and consequently met Roger. I remember Roger fixing a bike for my daughter in his garage so it would be safer for her to ride it. He always had a big heart for doing things for others. And he always was happy to see me and always wanted to know how I was doing. He was always thinking of others.

Terri Allen - January 19, 2024 at 04:21 PM

BG

I met Roger in May 1980, just before St Helens blew. Roger and I worked on a few products under development. One of them was a 4-cell battery pack called “hurricane” which was associated with the 41C calculator. As JR said in his post, Roger always got the job done! I recall that, in retirement, he volunteered to help teach engineering at CV, which was pointed out that he wanted always to be of service at his celebration yesterday! The last time I saw him was at 1st Presbyterian church, where he called out “Hi, Bill”, as he descended the stairs from the balcony. He was a great friend!

Bill Garber

Bill Garber - February 18, 2024 at 11:54 AM

JS

“ We met Roger, Nancy and family shortly after we arrived in Corvallis in 1985. The connection was high school ski team for the children with parent support of course. During the many years since, Roger has been a source of information about HP and computers as well as scouting.

I look forward to connecting again with the Evans family in February.

John Snelling

john snelling - January 13, 2024 at 11:01 AM