



Dr. Veril Van Volk

November 18, 1938 - May 19, 2021

Veril “Van” Volk passed away on May 19, 2021 at the age of 82 at home in Corvallis, Oregon. He was born November 18, 1938 in Montgomery, Alabama and spent his childhood in Auburn (AL), Wooster (OH), and Worthington (OH). Van earned his Boy Scout Eagle Award in 1954 and graduated from Worthington High School in 1956. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Soil Science at Ohio State University in 1960 and 1961, respectively. He served in the Air National Guard and was activated to Germany in 1961-1962. Van followed in the footsteps of his father and two uncles to earn his doctorate in Soil Science at the University of Wisconsin in 1966. He joined the faculty at Oregon State University in 1966, where he taught soil chemistry and continued as Associate Director of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station. He enjoyed his work travels abroad (Kuwait, Albania, India, etc.) and throughout the U.S. He retired in 1998 and was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy.

Van married Doris (Mangum) on September 7, 1968. They had three daughters, Gayle, Beverly, and Carol. Van’s most treasured memories were of his daughters and their accomplishments. Van and Doris enjoyed traveling in the Pacific Northwest (especially the Oregon coast) and hiking and visiting with friends in Arizona. Van loved visits from his daughters and grandchildren. A favorite pastime was cultivating and crossing iris.

Van is survived by his wife Doris, daughters Gayle and Carol (Adam Smolinski), and brother Bob (Shari) Volk. He will join their daughter Beverly

and parents, Alice and Garth Volk, at Oaklawn Cemetery in Corvallis. Formal services are not planned at this time. His family requests that donations in Van's memory be made to Grace Lutheran Church or Lumina Hospice, in appreciation of their support during his final weeks with cancer. Arrangements were handled by McHenry Funeral Home (<https://www.mchenryfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Veril-Volk/>).

Cemetery Details

Oak Lawn Cemetery

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

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

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“ Van was extremely supportive of the OSU experiment stations across the state. He was very helpful to me at the Malheur Experiment Station in Ontario, Oregon. He went to the extra generosity with his time to carefully review our reports to growers, making many useful suggestions. Van excelled in his attentive and friendly support from Corvallis.

Dr. Clinton Shock, Professor Emeritus and former director.

Clinton Shock - December 09, 2022 at 11:06 AM

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“ Van and I first met at Flint School in the 1940s. Van enjoyed the unique experiences of attending a small, rural school: movies in the theater/gymnasium, bird watching in Flint Park, the annual winding of the May pole, and the "big oak" tree. I believe that Van's experiences at Flint School contributed much toward his incentive to pursue his career and interests throughout his very productive and successful life. Van will be missed by all of those who loved him. The opportunity that Van and I had to know each other has been a blessing to me — his friendship was a great contribution over the years. May God bless Van's family and friends who knew and loved him — knowing that Van respected and loved each of them, also.

Dick Goins - May 26, 2021 at 02:54 PM



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My wife Judy and I remember fondly our visit with Van and Doris in their home surrounded by plants and flowers like those irises pictured above. Van and I grew up together, with family homes for some years on Loveman Avenue in Colonial Hills, both attending North Community Lutheran Church, spending our junior and senior high school years in the Worthington system, and surviving basic training in the Air National Guard during the 1956 summer in Texas. Van was good and reliable friend all those years. Blessings on all who loved him.

Jim Bailey - May 25, 2021 at 08:20 AM