



W. Keith Bates Jr.

July 23, 1931 - March 30, 2014

Keith Bates, 82 died Sunday, March 30th at Bridgecreek Memory Care in Lebanon. Keith was born on July 23, 1931 in Klamath Falls, Oregon. His parents were William Keith and Lela Bates. He graduated from the University of Oregon with a bachelor's degree. He served in the U. S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

He married Lorraine Smith on June 3, 2000 at Suburban Christian Church in Corvallis. He retired after a long career as a purchasing agent for Public Schools. Keith was a motorcycle enthusiast and spent many hours on the road. He was involved in men's ministry at Suburban Christian Church.

Keith is preceded in death by his parents, Keith and Lela Bates. He is survived by his wife Lorraine Bates of Corvallis; son Robert Bates; son Rick Bates and daughter Lisa Gibson; four grandchildren Amanda, Alyssa, Alex and Emily.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 am, Friday, April 11th at Suburban Christian Church. Private interment will take place at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. Memorial donations in Keith's name may be directed to Suburban Christian Church in care of McHenry Funeral Home 206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR 97330.