



## Richard "Rick" Charles Florey

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On Wednesday, November 24, 2021, Rick Florey, loving husband and father of two and grandfather of four passed away at the age of 77. Rick was born April 9, 1944 in Peoria, Illinois, to Charles and Anna Florey. He attended the University of Illinois where he received his degree in science and physical education. It was while attending the U of I that Rick met his best friend and future wife, Sheila Stewart. Rick and Sheila married on June 19, 1966 and had been together 55 years at his passing. In the summer of 1970, Rick and Sheila moved to Oregon where they raised their 2 children. Rick had worked as a science teacher and coach in North Bend, Oregon in the early 1970's. After that he worked in insurance until his retirement in 2007.

Rick thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors. During his lifetime, he had climbed the Sisters, Mt. Shasta and Mt Hood, camped and fished all over Oregon and Alaska, saw the Milky Way, Jupiter and Saturn up close at Goldendale Observatory, and enjoyed bird watching with his friends.

Rick was a storyteller. He could tell stories of his youth in vivid and fascinating detail. A favorite story of his youth was when - about 9 or 10 - his friend snuck two cigars from his fathers humidor. Pretending to be big shots, the boys took a couple of puffs before tossing the cigars over their shoulders. To their dismay the cigars landed in dry grass on the hill and they had a fire on their hands. Fortunately they managed to beat out the fire with their denim jackets.

Rick ran home and washed his jacket before his mother got home. Whew. Rick was thoughtful and giving. Always thinking about others, he relished finding the perfect gift for each person in his life - something he knew they'd use and love as much as he loved giving. Rick also gave of his time volunteering as a Stephens Minister.

Family was very important to Rick. He thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his kids and grandkids. He loved hearing about school, sports, or other activities in which they were involved. He especially loved spending time with everyone for birthdays and holidays. Christmas was his favorite and his presence will be very missed by his family this year.

Rick is survived by his wife and best friend, Sheila, his brother Greg and his wife Jan, his children Lisa and David and his grandchildren, Madison, Connor, Nick and Emily.

A graveside service will be held Monday, December 6 at 10:30 am at St Anthony Cemetery in Tigard. A celebration of life is planned for April 9, 2022, his birthday.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the American Heart Association or to the Oregon City United Methodist Church in memory of Rick Florey.

# Cemetery Details

## St Anthony's Catholic Cemetery

SW 115th/Gaard St  
Tigard, OR

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 6. 10:30 AM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

CD

“ I was a fraternity brother of Ricks at Illinois. I was able to speak with him about our reunions. Rick was missed at the reunions and so sorry for your loss. He was a first rate fraternity brother and well liked and respected by his brothers

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**chuck davis** - August 05, 2022 at 02:38 PM

SR

“ Sheila, Lisa, David- So sorry for the loss of your husband and dad. Rick was a favorite uncle of mine and I have many fond memories of family reunions with him there. He was always cheerful kind and inclusive. I'm praying for you all as you adjust to this next chapter of your lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!!! - Susan ( Talbert) and Richard Rust

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**Susan Rust** - December 05, 2021 at 09:15 PM

JM

“ So sorry Shelia. Rick was my friend. I remember hunting pheasants when we stayed with you in Paxton. Also I remember you kindly letting us use your house in Coos Bay while you were back in IL. Iremember Rick grabbing a big snake on our camping trip at a lake below Bloomington. Lots of good memories. Jim and Karen Martin

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**Jim Martin** - December 04, 2021 at 08:30 PM

BH

“ *Shelia and family:*

*We were so sorry to hear of Rick's passing -- he was truly one of the great gentlemen among us. So many good memories came rushing back from high school days including some car trips of note and a 'close call' one day. We were so fortunate to have known him and have him as a groomsman in our wedding. What a wonderful guy who will be missed by all.*

*May God give you His peace and comfort.*

*Bob & Ev (Call) Hoffer, Peoria.*

*Numbers 6:24-26.*

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**Bob & Ev Hoffer** - December 02, 2021 at 12:00 PM