



Richard P. Swanson

January 3, 1924 - September 19, 2015

Richard Peter Swanson , born 1/3/24 on a dairy farm in Vancouver WA to Albert & Pauline Swanson, died 9/19/15 in Newberg OR after a valiant fight with cancer. He was the middle of three brothers.

He grew up in Portland and spent time hunting and fishing with his family. He graduated from Beaverton HS and attended Multnomah Jr. College. In 1943 Dick joined the army and fought in the European theater as a machine gunner. He marched and fought his way across Europe during the coldest winter in 50 years, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge and on the Siegfried Line. Throughout his life his war experience impacted and informed who he was. Upon returning home he met Margaret Cook and they were married Sept 7, 1947. He graduated from Oregon State University and worked most of his career as a mechanical engineer at OECO and Tektronix. He and Margaret had 3 daughters. He loved our family camping trips, and enjoyed listening to music and reading, and many special times with close family friends. He was a hard worker, whether it be working on the car, the yard, or helping a friend. Dick and Margaret enjoyed a long loving marriage, recently celebrating their 68th anniversary he supported and cared for Margaret throughout her serious illness despite the fact that he was ill himself.

Dick is survived by his wife Margaret, daughters, Mardi (Rob) Spiegel, Karen (Dave) Seluga, Nancy (Milan) Jones, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Please arrive and check into the cemetery office at least 20 min. prior to service time.

Cemetery Details

Willamette National Cemetery

Happy Valley, OR

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **29**. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



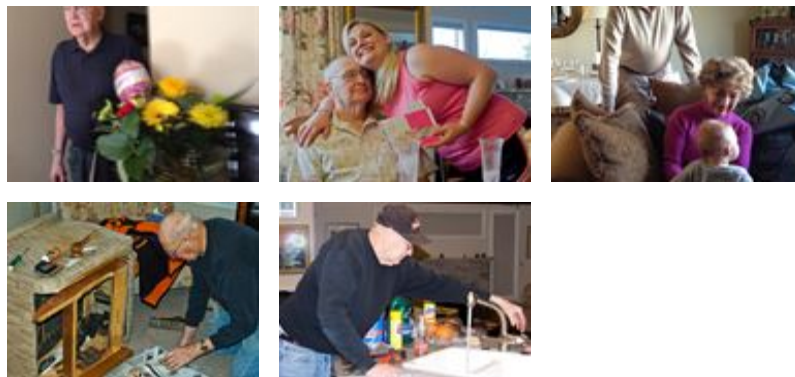
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