



William Duane Birkeland

April 20, 1926 - June 25, 2021

Duane was born to Olaf and Mary Elizabeth Birkeland in Eddy County, North Dakota. He was raised on a prairie farm in a family that had six children, he was the second oldest. He enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and served as a Seabee electrician in the Pacific Theater. When he returned, he enrolled at North Dakota State University to study Electrical Engineering. He also met a beautiful young coed, Dora Olson, who became the love of his life. December 17, 1949 they were married. They both graduated and moved to Portland, Oregon, where Duane had found work with the Bonneville Power Administration. In 1959 they left Portland and moved to a farm near Sherwood, Oregon and continued raising their family there. Duane was a loving father, a kind and generous neighbor, devoted grandfather, and friend to anyone who needed one. He is survived by sons Douglas, Paul (wife Carolyn), Joel (wife Carol), and daughter Marian (husband Steve), and more than dozen grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Tigard, Oregon on Saturday, August 28, at 11AM. Gifts can be made to the church building fund.

Please leave a message of condolence for the family by clicking the tab above.

Previous Events

Committal Service

AUG **25**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Willamette National Cemetery
11800 SE Mt. Scott Blvd.
Portland, OR 97086

Memorial Service

AUG **28**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Christ The King Lutheran Church
11305 SW Bull Mountain Rd
Tigard, OR 97224