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Charles Lee Olmsted passed into Heaven January 2nd. He was born in McMinnville, OR to Lorraine and Charles Olmsted. The family moved to Hermiston, OR in 1958, then Vancouver, WA in 1963. He graduated from Evergreen High School in 1968.

Lee met the love of his life at Northwest Christian College and they were married just shy of 50 years. His kids and grandkids were his biggest treasures and he cherished any time he could spend with them. Honoring his bride was his greatest joy and spending time with her in God's creation was their happy place. The beach, in particular, held a special place in their hearts.

He devoted his life to the ministry and spreading God's love through all the communities of which he was a part. He pastored to the church families at Molalla Christian Church (OR), Emmett Christian Church (ID), Westside Christian Church (Roseburg, OR), and witnessed in many other ways. He transitioned to a career in real estate when relocating to the Vancouver, WA area to care for family. He enjoyed the connections he made within his community, including mentoring students through Teach One to Lead One. Lee never missed an opportunity to meet someone new, share his faith, and build relationships.

Lee earned a Masters of Divinity, a Masters of Counseling and Psychology, and was a life long learner. He loved knowledge and never stopped studying, making his trip to the Holy Land that much richer. He liked hunting, swimming, photography, cultivating blueberries, entertaining people with his masterful puns and dad jokes, and was an avid steering wheel drummer.

Lee is survived by his wife, Diane (Lucas) Olmsted; daughter, Kari Campbell (Brad) and grandson Liam; son, Kurt Olmsted (Jenn) and grandkids Madelyn and Henry; sister, Wendy Maguire (Jeff); his beloved nieces and nephews; and a large extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Cheryl Robertson, and grandson Colin Campbell.

A memorial will be held on Saturday, January 15, 1 pm, live streamed at evergreenbible.com or in-person Evergreen Bible Church, 9600 E Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98664.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am sorry to hear--much belatedly--of Lee's passing. He and I started at Emmanuel the very same time, beginning in the summer of 1977 with an intensive New Testament Greek class. May you find peace in the blessed hope of the resurrection.

Dennis Steckley - July 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ We hope these trees spread joy & healing in their forest, living up to the legacy of the joy & healing spread by Lee during his time on this earth.

Chelsea & Stan Atkin - January 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Funeral Chapel and Crematory

A Memorial Tree was planted for Charles Lee Olmstead - January 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM