



Richard James Bartel

August 9, 1936 - October 15, 2017

RICHARD "DICK" J. BARTEL August 9, 1936 ~ October 15, 2017 Dick Bartel of Vancouver, WA, passed away peacefully at home after a valiant 7-1/2 year battle with prostate cancer. We all know he is now with the Lord. He was born in Portland, OR to William and Elsie (Leisy) Bartel, the youngest of their four children. After graduating from Jefferson High School, Dick attended Portland State University. In 1958, he enlisted in the Army and spent his entire 2 years at the Presidio in San Francisco. In 1960, Dick met the love of his life, Patricia Rankin, on a blind date. They married in 1962 and this past September they celebrated 55 years of marriage. Dick and Pat have two children, Kenny and Suzy, along with grandson, Bryce Hoxeng and great-granddaughter, Jadalynn Hoxeng. Dick worked in his family's business, Gilsonite, Inc., his entire life, retiring in 2001. His hobbies were travel, driving (especially road trips!), photography and Volkswalks. He loved being with his children and grandson, who were his joys. Favorite things in his later years were Sudoku, playing cards, casinos and the Portland Trailblazers (he was a fan for almost 50 years!) In addition to the family mentioned above, Dick is survived by his sisters, Wilma Wakkila and Fayrene DeKoker (Arthur). He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Clair Bartel. Memorial service will be Saturday, November 4 at 10 a.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens. The family suggests donations can be made to Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, 1100 Fairview Ave., N., Mail Stop JF - 200, Seattle, WA 98109. Please sign his guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

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