



Richard M. Hanson

May 27, 1928 - August 4, 2024

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Dick was born May 27, 1928, in Lansing, MI, and died peacefully, at his home, Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024. His parents, Burchard and Elizabeth moved to the Portland, OR, area when Dick and his brother, Bruce, were young children. Dick graduated from Grant High School in Portland, in 1946. He then enrolled at Oregon State University where he joined ROTC. After graduating, he served as an officer in the US Air Force. After his ROTC commitment, he began his career at the University of Oregon Dental School, graduating with a DMD in 1958. Dick practiced many years in Vancouver and never quit studying and seeking the best treatment for his patients, many becoming lifelong friends. He was one of the doctors that worked very hard to establish the dental hygiene program, at Clark College, where he taught for many years. Dick received many awards for his excellence in dentistry, with a special interest in children with disabilities. He was very involved with the Clark County Dental Society, Washington State Dental Society and the American Dental Society. After retiring, at the age of 73, he worked on several cruises, as ship's dentist, for Holland America Cruise Lines. Dick loved Oregon State and was an avid fan of the Beavers! Dick was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bruce; and his first wife, Shirley, the mother of his five children. Dick is survived by his wife, Jan; his children, Heidi, Danny, Rick, David, Holly; and stepdaughter, Susan Ellis. He leaves behind seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter and a

niece and nephew. Private burial will be Aug. 17, 2024, and a Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Aug. 24, at 1 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 13112 NE 28th St. in Vancouver. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Children's Hospital in Seattle, WA, in Dick's name.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I've known the Hanson family since moving to Vancouver in 1963. Spent a lot of time with the Hansons over the decades. Lots of memories up to the present day.
Rest in Peace Richard*

Grant Bradley - August 09, 2024 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 Richard M. Hanson - August 07, 2024 at 12:00 AM