## **Obituary**

## Richard "Dick" Elmer Marr

April 10, 1943 — January 9, 2015

Richard "Dick" Elmer Marr entered his Heavenly home January 9, 2015 with his wife and children by his side, having fought a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Corwith, Iowa on April 10, 1943, Dick graduated from Corwith-Wesley High School in 1959 and William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa in 1963, where he met and married his wife of 51 years, Dianne (Mosteller) Marr.

He taught junior high math before being hired by Wm. Penn in 1965 as admissions counselor. Over the next 22 years, he served as director of admissions, then director of financial aid, retiring in 1987.

Inspired by his beekeeping hobby and a sense of adventure, Dick and Dianne moved to property near Sisters where Dick went into business with his brother-inlaw as a beekeeper, pollinating crops from Wenatchee, WA to Chico, CA. His "homegrown" honey was enjoyed by many. Dick also worked in financial aid at COCC and in circulation for the Bend Bulletin. He and Dianne grew flowers and herbs for Schilling's Solar Gardens for many years.

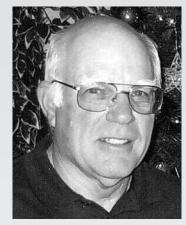
Iowa friends remember Dick as an avid hunter, fisherman, golfer, football referee and umpire. Oregon friends knew him as an enthusiastic gardener, filling his commercial-sized greenhouses with organic vegetables and colorful blooms, which he delighted in giving away to family and friends.

A servant of God, Dick was treasurer and board member of Sisters Church of the Nazarene, also volunteering as groundskeeper and building custodian. He and Dianne sang many duets for morning worship.

A loving "Grampie" full of fun and mischief, Dick took great pride in his grandchildren, attending as many school and sporting events

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as possible. Family time included camping, fishing, popping corn and playing card games until midnight. His recipes for apple danish and homemade bread will be passed down for generations, and no one will ever make a better breakfast!

Preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Pauline (Brown) Marr, Dick is survived by his wife, Dianne of Bend; son Jeff (Julie) Marr and granddaughter Nicole of Corvallis, OR; daughter Kristin (Greg) Klecker and grandchildren Karson and McKenzie of Bend, OR; brother Gene (Barbara) Marr of Allergan, MI; and nephew Kevin Marr.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 7 at Sisters Church of the Nazarene, 67130 Harrington Loop Rd., Bend. There will be a private interment at Deschutes Memorial Garden in Bend.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse www.samaritanspurse.org or The Shepherd's House, 1854 N.E. Division St., Bend, OR, 97701.

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(Left to right) Sasha Komar; Brody Lofdahl; Simon Rhett; David Novotny; Elijah Gurney and high schooler Ethan Ferwalt. All competed in a regional chess tourney last weekend.

## Students play in regional tournament

On January 24, at 8:30 a.m., children from all over Central Oregon were in the cafeteria of Ridgeview High School, anticipating their first game of chess in the Regional Tournament of 2015, held by Chess For Success.

They were going to compete according to age, and level. The games ranged from 10 minutes to an hour. Five games were played between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., with different opponents each time. There were breaks in between these games when teams could discuss strategies and make observations.

Sisters Chess Club had been practicing and preparing for this event for several months, every Wednesday morning at Sisters elementary and middle schools. Participating in the tournament were: Emily Huber, Torin Greaney, Cambrian Leaver, Bela Chladek and Ashton King for Sisters Elementary School; David Novotny, Eli Gurney, Brody Lofdahl, Simon Rhett and Sasha Komar for Sisters Middle School; and Ethan Ferwalt and Jordan Pollard representing Sisters High School.

Every person at the tournament had their own unique strategies, strengths and weaknesses, tried their best, and played fair, according to 13-year-old participant Sasha Komar.

"Unfortunately, many people couldn't come to the tournament because of other events," Komar noted.

"I really enjoyed the tournament," Komar noted. "We got to play different people from different schools, who taught me new strategies. This is my second time at the regional tournament, and every time I learn something new. I think more people should join chess club and hopefully, go to the tournament.

"Chess club is really fun and helps people become better at math. Anyone from Sisters Elementary School, Sisters Middle School, and Sisters High School can sign up at any time."



