

Obituaries

Robert J. Walter

March 28, 1935 – August 3, 2019

Beloved father, husband and grandfather, Bob Walter ended his long journey on the morning of August 3 at his home in Sisters. Born in Trenton, New Jersey to Benjamin C. Walter and Irene G. Hindley, Bob enjoyed his youth playing sports, working as a camp counselor and cheering for his favorite baseball team, the Boston Red Sox.

He studied forestry at Paul Smith's College in the Adirondacks of New York for two years before completing his bachelor of science at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Upon his graduation in June 1957, Bob began his career with the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon. He returned briefly to Michigan to marry Barbara Ann Struble that same year. He was drafted in February of 1958 and served two years in the U.S. Army at Fort Lawton in Seattle. Bob and Barb spent the following seven years throughout the West, with stops in Salem and Cedar City, Utah, until they settled down in Eugene to raise their family. While living in Eugene, Bob and Barb became passionate Oregon Ducks fans and sat in the same seats at Autzen Stadium for 30 years.

Starting in 1965, many family weekends were spent enjoying Central Oregon while camping at the Metolius River — where Bob would spend the day fly-fishing at his favorite riffle just upriver from the Allingham Bridge — or at Three Creek Lake.

After 21 years in Eugene, Bob retired to Sisters in 1991. He designed and built a home in Tollgate with the help of his sons. For several years, he built houses in the community with Habitat for Humanity before he joined Kiwanis and ran the Sisters Food Bank. In retirement, he discovered a love of golf, prompting him to take a job as a marshal at Eagle Crest Resort Golf Course for 17 years, where he took frequent advantage of his free golf privileges.

Bob was passionate about many things throughout his life. He was an avid runner, bicyclist, cribbage player and golfer. He enjoyed traveling the world with his wife, and made memorable trips throughout Europe and to the East Coast to visit family and make a pilgrimage to Fenway Park. He knew many professional successes, overseeing an entire region for the B.L.M., and



was recognized for his work in the community. But to him, the crowning achievement of his life was his family. He often described the best season of his life as the time he spent raising his children. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren adored him and he delighted in them. His marriage, family life and devotion to others are an inspiration to his family. His memory and legacy will be carried on at tailgates, camping trips and family reunions for many years to come.

Bob is survived by Barbara, his loving wife of 62 years; two brothers: John and David Walter; two sisters: Jeanne Dean and Joan Luther; four sons: Michael, James and wife Kimberly, Thomas and wife Angela, William and wife Shelly; two daughters: Linda Ann Hartshorn and husband James, Cynthia Sue Wilson and husband William; 16 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Irene Constance Roberts and grandson Logan Angus.

He died from complications of advanced Parkinson's disease.

A funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 24 at 11 a.m. at St. Edwards Catholic Church (123 Trinity Way Sisters) where Bob was a devoted parishioner and lector. The family wishes to thank Partners in Care Hospice for their wonderful and loving care of Bob. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Kiwanis Food Bank.

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William Edward Turner

February 15, 1944 – May 29, 2019

William Edward Turner, 75, of Sisters, Oregon passed away May 29, 2019.

"Ed" was born February 15, 1944 in Riverside, California and was raised by Richard and Louise Turner. He went to school in La Verne, California and was a Bonita Bearcat.

After attending Bonita high school, Ed enlisted in the Navy in 1961 and served through 1965 aboard the USS Gridley DLG 21 during Vietnam. In that time, Ed achieved the status of a Golden Shellback, something he was very proud of, which is accomplished by not only crossing the equator but also at or near the International Date Line.

August 9, 1968 he married his sweetheart, Barbara Riddle, in La Verne, California. They had two children together; a son, Brent Edward Turner, and a daughter, Joquita Lin "Jolin" Turner. Ed worked as a service technician for Sears in California, then moved the family to Wilsonville, Oregon in 1972 where he continued to work for Sears in Portland. Eventually he started his own business, E.T Microwave in McMinnville and ran the business out of Rice Furniture for several years. He was very well known in town as "Mr. Fix-it."

Seeing an opportunity in 1986 to move to Central Oregon where he and Barbara wanted to retire, he took it, moved to Sisters and resumed working as a service technician for Sears in Bend. Ed eventually became the service manager, which he held for several years before retiring. During that time, Ed and Barbara bought a house in Sisters where they lived for 35 years and his wife still resides. Always wanting to keep busy aside from his numerous hobbies, Ed came out of retirement and took a job with Aqua Clear in Sisters where he worked for six more years before retiring for good.

Ed's hobbies were numerous. His main one for years after his dad passed away was restoring a 1931 Model A sport coupe, Sweet Pea, which had belonged to his dad. Once the restoration was complete, Ed and Barbara became enthusiastic members of the High Desert A's Model A club for nearly 20 years. During those years, Ed and Barbara went on many tours with the club all across Oregon, Washington, and going as far as Canada.

Ed's other hobbies included being an avid snow/water skier, windsurfer, fisherman, wood worker, painter, gardener, mechanic, jewelry maker and an amazing guitar player. Ed was a Jack of All Trades and master of many.



Ed loved his Lord Jesus, family, and friends beyond any words that could express and was always there for them in time of need no matter what. Since his passing, his neighbors have shared many loving memories with the family of just how unique and amazingly giving he was and how thankful they were for all of the things he did for them.

Ed is loved and missed dearly by his family and friends. Ed is survived by his wife, Barbara; son Brent of Salem; daughter Jolin White of St. Paul; brother Rick Turner of Amity, nephew Derek Turner of San Francisco, California; Jesse Turner of New Port, California; niece Allison Vogt of Salem; nephew Jed Dyer of McMinnville; and granddaughter Cheyenne White of St. Paul.

Ed was preceded in death by a sister, Judy Lane of McMinnville; and his parents, Richard and Louise Turner of La Verne, California.

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