

In Memory of...

Paul Dana Wohlfarth



Paul Dana Wohlfarth, 81, a resident of the Vernonia community passed away on Wednesday morning, April 24, 2019 at the OHSU Tuality Health Care Hospital in Hillsboro.

Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the Vernonia Christian Church, 410 North Street in Vernonia.

There will be a later service in Lincoln, Nebraska and interment at the Omaha National Cemetery in Omaha.

Paul was born on October 20, 1937 in Lincoln, Nebraska. He was one of four children born to Carl and Mary (Maron) Wohlfarth. He was raised in Lincoln and attended Lincoln High School, graduating with the Class of 1956. Paul later attended University of California, Palomar College,

graduating with an Associated Arts degree in 1962.

He enlisted into the U.S. Navy and served his country for four years. He was an airplane radio repairman. He was honorably discharged in 1962.

Paul met his future wife, Sandra Lea Worster, while in high school. They began dating in high school and they married on December 30, 1958 in Lincoln. Following their marriage, they moved to California to follow Paul's enlistment in the U.S. Navy, living in San Marco. In 1978 they moved to Beaverton, Oregon and then in 1979 bought forest land in Vernonia where they have lived since. Sandra passed away on September 27, 2013 following a four-year battle with cancer. Paul continued to live in their Vernonia country home until 2018 when he moved into town to be closer to the church community.

He had worked as an electrical engineer throughout his life, working for several companies including: Tektronix, Burroughs Corp, Definable Data, Sentry Schlumberger, Credence Systems, and Accutest. Paul retired in 2012.

He enjoyed living on the farm, caring for his animals, and their small acreage. He also enjoyed tuning violins and had quite a good reputation repairing old and abused instruments. Paul was the ultimate do-it-yourselfer, keeping his several rental properties in good shape and also helping his family with their projects. Staycations was what Paul and Sandra enjoyed best. They both volunteered at their church, Vernonia Christian Church. Sandra was the Music leader and Paul enjoyed singing in the choir. He listened to classical music and sang old church hymns.

He is preceded

in death by his loving wife, Sandra, his parents, and sister Marian Gableman.

He is survived by his two children and their spouses, John and Angie Wohlfarth of Gross Point, Michigan, and Jane and Mitchell III of Forest Grove; two siblings and their spouses, Carl and Shirley Wohlfarth of Lincoln, and Dave and Cathy Wohlfarth of Amarillo, Texas; and six grandchildren, Mitchel, Lawson, Ethan, Owen, Carolyn and Lorelei.



Nancy Jean Schenk



Nancy Jean Schenk, age 71, passed away on April 9, 2019 after a long battle with Multiple System Atrophy/Primary Aphasia.

Nancy was the daughter of Henry Smith and Doris Halverson. She leaves behind her loving husband Henk Schenk; daughter Jenny Santoro; brother Fred Skidmore; three grandchildren, Wyatt, Layla, and Michael; and many other friends and family.

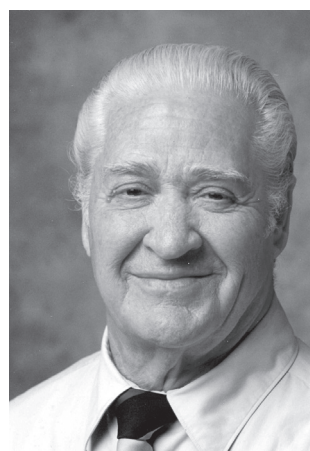
Nancy grew up in Tillamook. She worked as a bank manager in Alaska and was later a successful realtor. She resided in Hawaii, Alaska, and Oregon with her former husband and moved back to Vernonia in 1993.

Nancy was the life of the party, full of energy and laughter. She was loved and will be greatly missed.

The family will hold a private memorial and asks that any donations be made to the National Aphasia Association.



Reverend Richard K. "Dick" Colsen



Reverend Richard K. "Dick" Colsen, 91, a longtime resident of the Hillsboro community, died Saturday morning, April 27, 2019 at his home.

Graveside Services with Full Military Honors were held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the Willamette National Cemetery, 11800 SE Mt. Scott Blvd. in Portland, under the direction of the U.S. Navy and the Hillsboro Martin J. Ryan V.F.W. Post #2666.

Reverend Richard K. "Dick" Colsen was born July 19, 1927 in Dove Creek, Colorado, the son of the late Albin Colsen and Jenny (Lord) Colsen. As a young boy, he moved with his family to Oregon, settling in the Vernonia community, where he was raised and received his education, then later with his family moved to Hillsboro where he graduated from Hillsboro High School Class of 1945.

He was a Veteran of World War II, having served one enlistment in the United States Navy, until he received his honorable discharge.

Dick was united in marriage to Florence Mae Colsen on October 5, 1952 in Loveland, Colorado. Shortly after they began their traveling evangelistic work. In the late 1950s,

they moved to Oregon, settling in the Forest Grove community, where he served as the pastor at the Assembly of God Church. They later lived in the Cornelius community, until 1980 when they moved to their home in the Hillsboro community, where he had resided since.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Florence, on March 27, 2011, after celebrating over 59 years of marriage together.

Dick and his wife Florence were instrumental in starting the Valley Full Gospel Church in Hillsboro, where they served for over 45 years, until they retired.

Among his special interests, he enjoyed fishing with his son, David, especially trout, steelhead, and salmon.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Albin and Jenny Colsen; his brother Harry, and his two sisters, Lucille and Rene.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, David and Laura Colsen of Hillsboro, Oregon, and his daughter Cindy Colsen Losli of Hillsboro, Oregon.

Also surviving are his two grandchildren, Elias Losli and Tyler Colsen; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests that remembrances may be contributions to the Valley Full Gospel Church, c/o of Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home, P.O. Box 744, Forest Grove, Oregon, 97116, in his memory.

To sign the online guest book or to send a condolence to the family go to www.fuiten-rosehoyt.com.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove is entrusted with the arrangements.



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