



Richard (Dick) Simmons

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At age 96, another member of the Greatest Generation has reached his end on Earth. Richard was born in Alberta, Canada to Louis and Matilda Simmons and moved to the U.S. at a young age. When duty called he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1943 and served in North Africa, Italy, and Germany. He kept the planes flying.

Richard was a self-made man who believed in earning what he received. In the mid 1950's, he and brother-in-law Walter Gregorich opened up the very successful Lakewood Heating and Sheetmetal business. Richard was a sheet metal craftsman: You name it and Richard could build it.

He enjoyed camping, fishing, gardening, traveling, family, helping others, and sharing the product of his gift for making wonderful pies.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy, sisters Virginia Rollins and Mabel Rollins, brothers Larry and Warren, and stepdaughter Kathy Dickinson. He is survived by sister Shirley Fay Tomaszewski of Olympia, brother Joseph (Nancy) of Spanaway, stepsons Richard Raymond of Roy and Keith West (Dawna) of Aberdeen, several grandchildren and great grandchildren, along with nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider: Salvation Army, Tacoma; Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle; Heart Fund of the American Heart Association, Dallas.

A Celebration of Life will be held on December 11, 2018 at 1pm in the Aspen Chapel at Mountain View Funeral Home with a reception to follow.



Events


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Celebration of Life

 **Tuesday**, December 11, 2018


 1:00 PM PT

 **Aspen Chapel**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499

Reception

 **Tuesday**, December 11, 2018

 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM PT

 **Willow Room**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499



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Anthony posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. I know during this time it is very difficult to see hope in the future. I as well find it hard to see hope but I turn to the Bible for guidance when I start to question. (John 5:28,29) Jesus says that he will raise up those who have died. This scripture gives me strength to carry on and I hope it does the same for you

November 23 at 4:29 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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