

Richard G. “Dick” Wheeler

September 16, 2021

Richard G. “Dick” Wheeler, 89, passed away at his home in Klamath Falls, Ore. on August 10, 2021.

Dick, as he was known by family and friends, was born Aug. 23, 1931 in Los Angeles, Calif. to George William and Myrtle Ellen (Lofgren) Wheeler.

He attended elementary school in Santa Ana, Calif., moving to the Sonoma, Calif. area in 1942. He attended high schools in Sonoma and Chowchilla, Calif., graduating from Sonoma Valley Union High School in 1949.

Dick served in the US Air Force from 1951 to 1955. After receiving an honorable discharge, he was employed by the state of California in Los Angeles from 1955-1959. He moved to Crescent City, Calif. in 1959 where he met and married his wife, Eugenia Flocchini. They were married July 2, 1961 in Reno, Nev. They moved to Gold Beach, Ore. in 1967 and then to Klamath Falls in 1981.

Dick worked in the plywood industry for 35 years, retiring from Columbia Forest Products Company in Klamath Falls in 1996. He enjoyed the Pacific Coast, especially ocean and river fishing in Northern California and Southern Oregon. He also enjoyed trips to Reno, bowling, and many other sporting activities, both as a spectator and participant.

Survivors include his sister-in-law, Edith (Flocchini) Lewis of Bellevue, WA; brother-in-law, Lester Flocchini of Medford, OR; brother and sister-in-law Gerald and Sharon Flocchini of Klamath Falls; as well as numerous loving nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held at Eternal Hills Memorial Gardens, 4711 Hwy. 39, Klamath Falls, OR 97603.

Cascade Cremation & Burial is assisting the family. Condolences may be expressed online at www.cascadecremations.com.