



Norman Ordway Stewart

November 24, 1930 - December 20, 2021

Norman Ordway Stewart entered into eternal life with our Lord on December 20, 2021. A loving husband, father, and brother, he is survived by his wife of 64 years, Donna Carlene Stewart (nee Sleater), sons Theodore, Christopher, and daughter Amy, grandchildren Catherine, Ashley, Christina, Adam, Mason, Tevin, Wesley, Justin, Liam, Colin, and Ciaran, and 12 great-grandchildren. Norm was born in Eureka, California, on November 24, 1930, to Theo Margaret (nee Zimmerman) and Arthur Ordway Stewart. In 1945, Norm, his mother, and stepfather, James Conrad, moved to Hawaii for James' Coast Guard duty. After graduating high school there in 1948, Norm joined the Navy, serving in the Construction Battalion. He was serving in Guam at the outbreak of the Korean conflict and having served his term was honorably discharged shortly thereafter. Norm returned to his home state of California where he embarked on his life-long passion for education, earning his Bachelor's of Science in Education from Humboldt State University with a minor in Political Science. One week later, on June 15th, 1957, he married his wife, Carlene. With Carlene at his side, he

attended Colorado State University to earn his Master's degree in Education. After returning to California, he taught history and German (which he spoke fluently), at Stagg High School in Stockton. He later completed a Doctorate of Education, followed by a Doctorate in Jurisprudence from Concordia College in Springfield, Illinois.

Pursuing an opportunity to teach at the college level, Norm relocated his family (which now included his firstborn son, Ted) to Mount Angel, Oregon, where he taught at Mount Angel College and simultaneously MacLaren School for Boys in Woodburn. He excelled at reaching troubled teens and began a life-long passion for helping others.

While living in Mount Angel, Norm served as a municipal judge for the city and helped found the town's

Octoberfest. Later, Chris and Amy came along to complete the Stewart family. Norm's professional life continued to focus on education, both in the public and private sectors. After making his final move to Oregon City, he was Director of Continuing Education at Clackamas

Community College, then at University of Portland, and finally Portland State University. Eventually, he became an entrepreneur with interests ranging from owning a fleet of trucks to land developing and building several homes including the family's homestead in Oregon City. He also continued his work with at-risk teens, later starting one of the first alternative high schools in the area, giving many youths and young adults the opportunity to obtain their high school or General Educational Development (GED)

diplomas. Over the years, he assisted hundreds of students in completing their high school education, helping them find employment, and at times hiring those who needed a hand-up when he actually had no job openings. Many of the students also went on to serve in the military. Norm's volunteer work was substantial and included his service as Judge Advocate General for the Oregon State Defense Force, Salvation Army's Volunteer of the Year Award, and an honorary promotion to Colonel in the Oregon State Defense Force after petitioning for and receiving a presidential pardon for an individual serving a prison sentence who had been wrongfully convicted. As a faithful Christian, Norm has always been devoted to his church family and served as a youth pastor in Mount Angel and a congregational president at his Oregon City church. A memorial service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Oregon City on January 13th, 2021, followed by a Military Honor ceremony at Willamette National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Willamette National Cemetery

11800 SE Mt Scott Blvd
Portland, OR 97086

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 13. 10:00 AM (PT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
16000 S. Henrici Rd.
Oregon City, OR

Committal Service w/ Military Honors

JAN 13. 1:30 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



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As I lay in bed I found this news out looking for a way to find a my transcripts. I have so many stories to share, I have so much love for this man, also I've been done wrong under a "contract" when I got out of the Marines with him. Either way I will miss him. Until Valhalla brother.

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