



Richard L Egan

January 22, 1940 - May 25, 2022

Richard Lee Egan, 82 years old, passed away peacefully on May 25, 2022, surrounded by his family and in his home in Gladstone, Oregon.

The son of Forrest and Marie Egan, Richard was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin on January 22, 1940. He attended Central High School in La Crosse and was an early member of the Naval Reserve. In 1962, he graduated from the Alexian Brothers Hospital School of Nursing in Chicago, IL. He was the first male to practice nursing arts, in psychiatry, at the former St. Francis Hospital in La Crosse. It was also at St. Francis that he graduated from its school of nurse anesthesia in 1968.

Richard and Dorothy Ann Egan were married in 1964 at St. Mary's Lycurgus, in Waukon, Iowa. They settled in Gladstone, Oregon in 1967 and raised four children: Michelle, Brian, Kimberly, and Valerie.

Richard's knack for planning and management made him instrumental in the establishment of the new Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center in Clackamas, Oregon, where he went on to spend 25 years in its anesthesia department. A lifelong historian of the American Old West, Richard greatly enjoyed attending antique shows and researching his many acquisitions of artifacts and ephemera. In addition to *The Early Saddle Makers of Portland*, he authored *The Descendants of William Egan*, reflecting over a decade of genealogical research. He loved to plan and embark on family road trips, traversing well over 30 states. Richard also had a lifelong soft spot for cats, proudly supporting the Oregon Humane Society.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother Joseph. He is survived by his wife Dorothy, his four children, and six grandchildren.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life with Reception

JUN 4. 3:00 PM (PT)

Hillside Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *Hillside Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard L Egan*



Hillside Chapel - June 02, 2022 at 06:55 PM



“ *Richard L Egan*

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard L Egan.*



June 03, 2022 at 06:46 PM



“ *3 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Hillside Chapel - June 03, 2022 at 05:41 PM

Valerie Valerah

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Valerie Valerah - June 03, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard L Egan.



June 02, 2022 at 10:57 PM



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Hillside Chapel - June 02, 2022 at 06:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard L Egan.



May 30, 2022 at 07:57 PM



“ I worked with Dick at St. Francis Hospital in La Crosse. I was an orderly and Dick as the shift Head nurse. Numerous times those shifts ended in “The Jungles” bar a couple of blocks from the hospital. Dick also organized a “South Sea Island” party for the 5 South floor staff and any student nurses that wanted to attend, including our future wives!! Dick and I stayed in touch all these years. He was a good friend and an amazing person. I miss e-mailing him already! Take care Dorothy we are thinking of you!
Arlyn & Mary Proksch

Arlyn Proksch - May 29, 2022 at 05:36 PM



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Michelle Prather - May 28, 2022 at 04:53 PM



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Michelle Prather - May 28, 2022 at 02:24 PM

GZ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Dorothy, their children and grandchildren at this time as healing begins for them. Dick was a great example for everyone. He touched the lives of many! He will be missed greatly! Ginny and Mike Zimmerman

ginny Zimmerman - May 28, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Richard L Egan.



May 28, 2022 at 07:50 AM



Valerie Valerah

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Valerie Valerah - May 27, 2022 at 10:32 PM

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Valerie Valerah - May 27, 2022 at 10:26 PM

KH

So sorry to hear this sad news. I am a second cousin. My grandfather was Dick's namesake Lee Raymond Egan. I will miss our occasional communication and his genealogy info on the family. I am sure he is free of his earthly ailments and visiting with all the Egan clan now. Aloha Dick...Kathy Egan Hales

Kathleen Egan Hales - May 28, 2022 at 10:04 AM

MG

“ *Fond memories of Dorothy and Dick's wedding and visiting them in Lacrosse!! Great couple and great cousins!! With you in thoughts and prayer!! Marian Grady*

Marian Grady - May 27, 2022 at 08:38 PM