



Richard Tony Kolar

September 1, 1941 - September 6, 2025

Richard Tony Kolar, age 84, passed away peacefully on September 6, 2025, surrounded by his family in Oregon City, Oregon.

Richard was born to Peter and Mildred Kolar in Woodburn, OR, on September 1, 1941. He was the fourth of eight children.

On December 20, 1958, he married Rita Ann Gordon. They had five children and resided in Oregon City until Rita's passing on February 27, 1998. Richard worked at Publisher's Paper Company in Southeast Portland before working at Crown Zellerbach Paper Company in West Linn, as a millwright. He retired in 1996 after the mill was acquired by James River Corporation.

On December 3, 2000, Richard married Donna Jean Trott. They moved to Keaau, HI, in March 2007 where they made many great friends, had lots of family visitors and had numerous wonderful adventures. In August 2015, they moved back to Oregon City to be near family.

Richard had a fulfilling life doing things he loved. He enjoyed traveling, classic country music, playing cards, growing dahlias and valued spending quality time with family and friends.

Richard is survived by his wife of 24 years, Donna; his children, Sherrie

Brunmeier, Laura Martinson, Janice Ritter, Suzy Luis (Paul Luis), Darren Kolar, Christine Bernier and Teri Sipes (Steve Sipes); 17 grandchildren and 6 ½ great-grandchildren; sisters, Lillian Hosley, Shirley Hosley; and brother, Bob Kolar. He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Mildred Kolar; son, Richard James Kolar; wife, Rita Kolar; sisters, Joyce VanValkenburg, Judy VanValkenburg and Mary Ann Sanchez; and brother, Leonard Kolar.

A memorial service for Richard will be held on Friday, September 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Living Hope Church, 19691 S Meyers Rd, Oregon City, OR 97045. There will also be a viewing on Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 11:30am-2:00pm at the Hillside Chapel at 1306 7th St, Oregon City, OR 97045.

Richard's kindness, generosity, sense of humor, and love for his family will always remain in the hearts of those who knew him. He will be forever missed.

Cemetery Details

Mt View Cemetery

500 Hilda St
Oregon City, OR 97045

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP 18. 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Hillside Chapel
1306 7th Street
Oregon City, OR 97045
(503) 656-4285
<https://www.hillsidechapelfh.com/>

Funeral Service with Reception

SEP 19. 10:00 AM (PT)

Living Hope Church
19691 Meyers Road
Oregon City, OR

Tribute Wall

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“ *To Donna and families,
You have our deepest sympathy on the loss of Richard. He will be deeply missed by our family. Tom and I will miss talking to him and visiting him and Donna when we came down to visit.
We hope in the days ahead you'll find peace and comfort. Our prayers are with the entire family. Blessings to all.
Tom and Linda Stockert from North Dakota*

Thomas and Linda - September 19, 2025 at 01:17 PM

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“ *I am sorry to hear about the loss of Richard. I have many childhood memories with the Kolar family. Sending love and prayers to you all.*



Tracey Blinsman Bitz - September 16, 2025 at 10:41 AM