



Richard Eugene Mustonen

April 10, 1943 - December 19, 2021

Richard Mustonen passed away peacefully at his home on December 19, 2021 with his loving wife, Cathy and sister in-law Laurie by his side.

Richard was born in Brainerd, MN to Rudolph and Irma Mustonen. He was raised on a farm with his four siblings and graduated from Brainerd high school in 1961. He moved to the West Coast in his twenties and was drafted and proudly served in the US Army First Cavalry Combat Infantry in the Vietnam War. His decorations include a Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, and Army Commendation with Valor. After his honorable discharge he attended St Cloud State University and graduated in 3 years. He then moved to Oregon and began his 40 year Banking career.

Throughout his life, Richard enjoyed traveling with his wife-specially to the villa in Italy and many trips to Finland, fishing, and avidly supporting Oregon State Athletics. He was an Early Bird for 30+ years at the Multnomah Athletic Club where he enjoyed exercising followed by a sauna-being true to his Finnish heritage.

Richard was preceded in death by his sister, Joyce (Erickson); and brother, Roger; and his parents. He is survived by his wife of 40 years Cathy; sister, Marilyn (Gerald) Coleman; brother, Dean (Alta); daughters, Kimberly Larson (Kevin) and Sara; granddaughter Madison Pitsenbarger, in-laws Jack Schiffer, Laurie Schiffer, John Schiffer and Tyler and Alex Wolfe.

A grave side service with full military honors will be held at Willamette National Cemetery on January 14, 2022 at 1:30 pm. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to support OSU Athletics at ourbeavernation.com

Previous Events

Committal Service w/ Military Honors

JAN 14. 1:30 PM (PT)

Willamette National Cemetery
11800 SE Mt Scott Blvd
Portland, OR 97086

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Eugene Mustonen*

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM

LJ

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Linda Jordan - January 17, 2022 at 12:20 PM

LJ

I met Dick when he and Dean brought Roger to Thunder Bay to meet us. What a wonderful thing to do for a brother, who wanted to meet us Mustonen cousins from afar. Dick was such a warm and wonderful man and I was happy to meet him and get to know this part of my family. He will be truly missed.

Linda Jordan - January 17, 2022 at 12:22 PM

“ We were all so very fortunate to have Dick in our lives. Such a gracious, kind, and humble man with a witty sense of humor.

We had spent the last 30 years celebrating Christmas with our "Roses" group, rotating the hosting between homes each year. And while he loved his wine, he would manage to drink whiskey with us "when he had to"!! He would put up with our yearly rituals and allow Cathy to experiment with various meals when it was "their turn" to host. Oh, the laughter we all shared during those evenings!

And while he never actually attended OSU, he was one of the Beavers staunchest supporters!! He and Cathy loved the Beavers!! And while he was surrounded in our group by those of us that were Ducks, he held his own over many a Civil War discussion!!

He loved the MAC and was always so kind to my Mom during her time there. Always taking the time to visit with her on their walks around the track in the early days. And while she saw Cathy every day with the "Early Birds", she would always comment "I saw Dick today", on the days she saw him. He always made her feel so special.

One of the last times I saw Dick was when I was helping he and Cathy salvage what was left of their Japanese Maple tree after the oak fell on it during the last ice/wind storm. While he was not feeling great after one of his surgeries, he did make it out to the deck (what was left of it) for a few minutes, just to make sure that I was "doing it right". Not sure he ever quite trusted me with that tree, but it will be a living memory to him and how proud he was of his home and yard.

Thank you for sharing this journey with us Dick. For being such a great husband to our Cathy, and a great friend to us all. For living life in the best possible form. Supporting your country, your friends and your family. We will treasure your memory.

With much love~

Marti & Jim Willis

JE

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Of Richard



Jen - January 15, 2022 at 12:23 PM

JE

“ 7 files added to the album Memories Of Richard



Jennifer - January 14, 2022 at 07:29 PM

MC

“ Such a beautiful service for Dick. Our thoughts are with Cathy and the family.



Merilee Culligan - January 14, 2022 at 07:17 PM

BA

“ Barbara A. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Richard Eugene Mustonen.



Barbara A. - January 13, 2022 at 08:24 PM

CA

“ We have learned the sad news, we offer our heartfelt condolences for the loss of his beloved Richard. Happy to have hosted you at Quadrifoglio, sorry I could not host you again, we remind you with pleasure and affection. Meucci family (the Quadrifoglio)

Cathy - January 11, 2022 at 10:29 PM

CA

Translation from our Italian friends and hosts the Meucci's. Dick's favorite place.

Cathy - January 11, 2022 at 10:33 PM

TL

“ Dick and I worked together at East Portland in the last days of FIOR. As it turned out we both grew up in the Mille Lacs area, a few years and a few miles apart. However, as survivors of those subzero winters, there is a continuing bond and recognition that Oregon is a bit of paradise.
Dick was one of our sponsors when we decided to join the MAC. He and Mark were Early Birds, while I typically was arriving as Dick walked down the hall to the locker room. A quick hello and a smile, then Dick was off to the next event. He will be missed.

Terry Lewis - January 11, 2022 at 09:27 PM

BF

“ Dick hired me at The Oregon Bank in 1976 and our friendship continued until his passing. John and I made a couple of trips to the Villa with Dick and Cathy and several to Maui where he and John enjoyed their cigars on the lanai. The four of us always celebrated Dick and my April birthdays at Jakes and celebrated John and Cathy's July birthdays at Charhouse. We have lots of wonderful memories of our times together and will miss him very much.

Bonnie & John Fitzgerald - January 10, 2022 at 05:56 PM

MC

“ *Abbiamo appreso la triste notizia, porgiamo le nostre sentite condoglianze per la perdita del suo amato Richard. Felici di avervi ospitato al Quadrifoglio, dispiaciuti di non aver potuto ospitarvi di nuovo, vi ricordiamo con piacere e affetto. Famiglia Meucci (il Quadrifoglio)*

Meucci Mauro e Carla - January 09, 2022 at 11:44 AM

MC

“ *So sorry Cathy, my sincere condolences, thoughts & prayers! I'm glad we got to talk at thanksgiving while I was driving to Corvallis. Dick was a good man, friend and fishing buddy! Dick was also my banker and helped keep my small import co in business for 25 years! You'll be missed, until we fish again. Go Beavs!*

Mike Carlson - January 05, 2022 at 09:48 PM

SH

“ *Cathy and family, sorry for your loss, our thoughts are with you all.*

I worked both with and for Dick in the mid 1980's, a turbulent time in our industry. The qualities of trust and honesty were sometime hard to find but fortunately Dick had both in large supply. I never doubted he would be there when it counted.

Dick had a strong work ethic, empathy for those around him and a wonderful sense of timing for when to go to Harrington's early, have a pint, and laugh. I was fortunate to have him as a friend and colleague.

Steve Hammond - January 05, 2022 at 04:29 PM

JH

“ To Cathy, Sara, Kimberly, Madison, all Dick’s family and loved ones, our hearts go out to you.

Dick became my boss for about 1 year in 1982; he was a mentor, confidant, partner in crime, and best friend for life. Cathy and I knew each other at Oregon State and became reacquainted after Dick and I became friends. We are lifelong friends; 35+ years of football games, tailgating, dinners, and celebrations. Stories to be told and embellished for fun, laughs & tears throughout the years... a trip of a lifetime to Italy with Dick and Cathy as our hosts and guides. (Did I mention that this was Jo’s & my Honeymoon?) So many wonderful memories, in such a short time.

Dick, soft spoken and taciturn, you knew you must listen when he spoke. A curmudgeon at times, but a guardian and protector with a true sense of right and wrong.

A true hero, living an everyday life.

Through knowing Dick and a small part of his Viet Nam experiences, I begin to truly understand the depth and meaning of this final sentiment when it is spoken: “This Flag is presented on behalf of a grateful Nation...”

Dick, it’s now God’s turn to welcome you Home.

Jeff & Jo Hilderbrand

Jeff Hilderbrand - January 05, 2022 at 12:29 PM

IH

“ Cathy I’m so sorry to read this. I always enjoyed talking with Dick over the years and sharing a call for a Beaver donation, when he was dialing for dollars. Very good man.

Ian H

Ian H - January 04, 2022 at 01:39 PM

MC

“ Dick was such a wonderful man. He and Cathy made the perfect couple. We will miss him dearly. Kevin and Merilee Culligan.



Merilee Potts Culligan - January 02, 2022 at 02:10 PM

JP

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Of Richard



Jen P-Z - January 02, 2022 at 12:42 PM

MH

“ Dick took me under his wing when I got into banking. He was a great mentor & an even better friend. A wonderful man with a sense of humor that was second to none. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Malcolm Hodge - December 30, 2021 at 03:54 PM



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Hillside Chapel - December 29, 2021 at 07:23 PM

LS

“ One of the best ! I feel very honored to call Dick family. He will be truly missed. ❤️ until we meet again brother....😊

Laurie Schiffer - December 28, 2021 at 06:33 PM

MC

“ Wonderful obituary. We miss Richard dearly. He was a great brother.

Marilyn Coleman - December 27, 2021 at 04:25 PM