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Alan D. Canfield of Waldport, OR passed away November 29, 2018 at Pacific Communities in Newport, OR from a series of brainstem strokes. His loving wife, Jeanne and devoted son, Doug, were by his side. Alan was born July 10, 1932 in Montclair, NJ to Almira and Russell Canfield.

At an early age, Alan found ways to work and earn his own way, making it possible to pay his way through college. He graduated from Rumson High School in Rumson, NJ in 1950, where he played basketball and baseball. Participation in these two sports earned him a partial scholarship to The College of William and Mary, in Williamsburg, VA. He later dropped the scholarship to concentrate on studies, several jobs and paying off a loan from his former high school. Alan was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. The high point of his high school days was meeting, Jeanne, the love of his life. Alan and Jeanne were married four years later on December 26, 1953 in the Rumson Presbyterian Church prior to his senior year in college. Jeanne worked in a hospital in Williamsburg, helping to payoff the college loans.

Alan's life insurance career began in 1955, but was interrupted by a two year stay in the Army where he attained the rank of Sergeant First Class serving at

an Air Force Base in Misawa, Japan. Jeanne was able to join Alan in Japan, where she worked for an Air Force Colonel on the Base. Following his Army time, he went back to his life insurance sales career where his sales record prompted a call to the New York Home Office of Guardian Life. A year later, he was elected an officer and was instrumental in developing a product (The Disability Business Buy-Out Policy) that had not previously been available in the insurance industry, but is now part of the portfolio of every major insurance company offering disability insurance products. Alan later transferred to San Francisco with Guardian Life as Director of Agencies for the Western Region and in 1973 joined Standard Insurance Company, Portland, OR. In 1964 he earned his Chartered life Underwriter designation from the American College of Life Underwriters in Bryn Mawr, PA. Alan became active in the CLU Association and was named "CLU of the Year" by the San Francisco Chapter. At Standard, he was recognized for his contributions to the industry by having a tree planted in his honor on the American College campus. Alan worked with Standard for 26 years, retiring in 1999, going back to limited part time sales in the business he loved.

In 1976 Jeanne and Alan moved to their dream home in Sherwood, OR, where they spent 26 years turning five previously neglected acres in to a beautiful mini-ranch. It was there they raised their son Doug and daughter CJ. The ranch was also home to two horses, many friendly sheep, Angora and Nubian goats, a llama and a variety of other critters. He called Jeanne, "The Shepherdess of Alderbrook," as she successfully assisted in the birth of several hundred lambs over the years and was often called by neighbors to help when they had birthing problems with their ewes. Eighteen years ago Jeanne and Alan moved to Waldport, OR to be closer to their son Doug and his family.

Alan was a charter member of the Red Bank, NJ Jaycees, and past president of the Western Agency Officers Association, the Arthritis Foundation of

Oregon and he was an active member of the Lions Club for 31 years in both Downtown Portland and in Waldport where he was a past president. Alan received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the highest in the Lions Club Foundation. He also served as a Deacon for a number of years for the Valley Baptist Church in San Rafael, CA. He was active and a past officer of the Clackamas Fly Fishers Club. Alan started and directed the Waldport Citizens Patrol and the Central Coast Fly Fishers Club where he served as President and Treasurer and remained active in both until the time of his death. He also served on the Waldport City Budget Committee for many years.

Alan always had a positive attitude and a continuous smile filled with humor. He cherished his family, many of those whom he worked with became close friends. His fishing buddies and the volunteers in the Citizens Patrol were very special to him.

Alan is survived by his wife of almost 65 years Jeanne; his son Doug; granddaughters Macy Canfield, OR; Taylor Darneille, WA; sister, Norma (Ken) Symmes, AZ; brother-in-law George (Nancy) Plant, OR; nieces Gail Brooks, OR; Karen May, AZ; Susan (Jim) Shwayder, FL; Nancy (Gene) Flynn, NJ; nephews Steven (Marji) Symmes, CO,; Richard (Marcella) Canfield, NH; David (Bonnie) Canfield, NH; Dean (Tina) Plant CA; son-in-law George (Dub) Darneille, OR; niece-in-law, Louisa Symmes, HA. and many friends.

Alan was predeceased by his parents, In-laws Connie and George Plant, NJ; daughter, CJ Darneille, OR; brother and sister-in-law, Russell (Alice) Canfield, Jr, NJ; sister-in-law Kay Plant, OR; nephew, Russell Symmes, AZ and nephew-in-law Bill Brooks, OR.

Bateman Funeral Home, Newport, OR was in charge of arrangements. Alan was buried privately in Eureka Cemetery, Newport, OR with military honors. A

Celebration of Life is planned for early summer. Memorial donations: Healing Waters Fly Fishing - PO Box 695, La Plata/ MD 20646 www.projecthealingwaters.org - Supports our wounded servicemen and women.

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Tribute Wall



“ Dear Canfield Family, Having just read Alans obit from 2018, I wanted to say well done oh GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT « !!!Alan helped me tremendously while I was with Standard Insurance Co.!!!!God bless you our brother !!! Love,Dan Corrigan from Oregon

Dan Corrigan - January 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM