



Richard D Holland

September 19, 1926 - March 18, 2021

Richard Dean Holland, Sr. (94) died on March 18, 2021 in Albany OR of natural causes. He was born in Billings, MT on Sept 19, 1926 to Jeremiah and Frances Camille Holland, the youngest of six children. Richard enlisted in the Army in September 1946 and served until his discharge in August 1948. While in the Army Reserve he was reactivated and served in combat during the Korean War 1950-1951. He graduated from Montana State College in Bozeman in 1954 with a degree in Industrial Arts. Richard worked for Zook Brothers Construction and at Holland Construction Company where he was a mechanic fixing heavy equipment used in highway construction. He later worked at Holland Loader Company manufacturing heavy equipment. Richard was a member of the Operating Engineers Union.

Richard enjoyed tinkering on projects and helping his friends. Richard constructed an air boat out of aluminum and used it to gather asparagus from the banks of the Yellowstone River. He put diesel engines in a couple of his pickup trucks before it was a popular option. Richard would make things work although it wasn't always pretty. If you were to point out that something didn't look all that nice, he would reply "Well, it works doesn't it?" Richard enjoyed shooting, camping in his trailer and riding his Honda 90 as well as soaking in the pool at Chico Hot Springs. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Richard is survived by his daughter Kerry Holland (husband, Bill Finger), Kelly Matlock, Richard Holland Jr. (wife, Lynne) and Charles Holland (wife, Heather), six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren as well as several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent in Richards name to Samaritan Evergreen Hospice 749 S.W. 11th St. Newport OR. 97365 or American Legion Post 116, 424 Olive St. Newport OR. 97365.

The Family would like to thank his wonderful caregivers Stella, Angie, Irene and the staff at hospice.

A memorial service is planned for July 24 at 11:00 am in the shelter at Rose Park in Billings Mt.