



Arthur R. McEldowney

December 14, 1938 - September 30, 2017

Arthur Rimsey McEldowney (79). Born in Stevenson, WA to Ben and Helen McEldowney, spent his early life in Reedsport, Toledo, and Salem. He graduated South Salem HS, Class of 1957, and attended OSU, studying Wildlife Management. Art thoroughly enjoyed his service in Lubeck, Germany with the US Army and has reveled in his continued friendships with co-workers from those days. After the Army, he did a career switch and worked for the U.S. Dept. of State. Before going abroad to serve, he married Jane Bodenweiser, whom he had met in high school. They had the pleasure and privilege of living in Thailand, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, England, and visiting scores of other countries. When they moved back to Oregon and settled in Bend, Art worked at the C.O.T.E.F. until it closed, then enjoyed a very active retirement. He volunteered with The High Desert Museum, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Central Oregon Fly Fishers (especially the Kokanee Karnival), Oregon Natural Desert Association, Archeological Society of Central Oregon, American Red Cross, Search and Rescue, High Desert Village, Tillicum Village Homeowners Association, Suttle Lake Camp and his beloved United Methodist Church. His large circle of friends also included the Band of Brothers. Art is survived by his wife of 53 years, daughter and son-in-law Tara and Greg Hartley, son and daughter-in-law Eric and Tanya McEldowney, grandchildren Mackenzie, Mason, and Ryan McEldowney, brother Ralph and sister Coleen (Bill) Swettman. He was blessed to be loved by his immediate and extended family. He loved them all deeply, wisely, and

well, and they are grateful. A Celebration of Life was held Tuesday, October 3, at 1:00 at the First United Methodist Church, 680, NW Bond St., Bend. Remembrances may be sent to Suttle Lake Camp, Kokanee Karnival, or any organization serving nature or social outreach. Suttle Lake Camp, 29551 Suttle Lake Camp, Sisters, OR 97759 Kokanee Karnival c/o Central Oregon Flyfishers PO Box 1126 Bend, OR 97709 United Methodist Commission on Relief, c/o First United Methodist Church, 680 NW Bond St., Bend, OR 97701.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Obituary Wall*



Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 02:31 PM

FO

“ *Arthur R. Mcldowney*

Funeral Home Owner - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Hello Jane: Upon learning of Art's passing I write to express my sympathy to you and your family members. I was away on a fishing trip and didn't see his obituary until I returned - fortunately my wife had saved papers for me. I have fond and happy memories of time spent with Art while we were members of the Central Oregon Fly Fishers club, as well as the many days we spent volunteering for Kokanee Karnival over many years. As I always struggled to do things on computers I will always remain grateful for the PowerPoint CD Art put together for me so I could present a program to the Central Oregon Fly Fishers. It was a pleasure for me to meet (and get to know) you and Art. I enjoyed all the time Art and I worked together on different volunteer projects. One just couldn't have a better friend. Sincerely, John Anderson.*

John Anderson - October 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Dear Jane, Thinking of you and wishing you fond memories to sustain you at this time.

Ruth Paiya - October 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Special thoughts and deepest sympathy are with you Jane and your family at this time especially from the 59ers. So many happy memories of our time together at reunions and with visits. What a marvelous visit we had when Art was able to be a tour guide for our group around the Oregon area with extra special activities added. Art will be missed by so many.

Elsie Francis - October 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ I had the pleasure of working with Art for several years at the High Desert Museum. He was a true gentleman and had a wonderful sense of humor. He was blessed to have such a large and loving family.

Karen Green - October 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Dear "Florence" and family..... When I met Art, while trying to help make the IT for the ARC work....he seemed irreproachable.....and then as time went by he became a lovely piece in that community....and what a love!!.... Janeyou were so good together....what an example....I'm so glad to have had time with you both!!! My love....Cassie Tuft

Cassie Tuft - October 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I did not know Arthur but feel compelled to say something about him. He sounds like a wonderful person. Maybe reminds me of my dad with a lot of the same interests. I admire all the volunteer work he did. I know he must of been a wonderful husband, father and friend to so many. He will surely be missed. I wish to extend my deepest sympathy to all.

Terrie S. - October 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ A great man. We shall truly miss him!

James McWilliams - October 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

J&

“ Truly an amazing generous man who gave so much of himself to so many. We love him and miss his presence in this life

Janie &Keith; - October 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM