



Dr. Wally Zimmerman

February 16, 1941 - December 2, 2020

Dr. Wally Zimmerman, 79, died Wednesday Dec. 2, 2020 at his home in the company of his family, after a sudden onset of Lymphoma Cancer. Born Waldon Christian Zimmerman, on February 16, 1941 in Pipestone, Minnesota to Waldon "Mike" & Frances "Frankie" Zimmerman. He was raised in Pendleton, Oregon with his siblings Dennis, Gary and Jeff where he graduated from high school. He attended Lewis & Clark College where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry in 1964, and went on to the University of Oregon where he was awarded his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree in 1969.

Upon graduation he served in the Navy Medical Corp as a Dentist to the Hopi and Navajo Reservations of the American Southwest & the Public Dept. of Health & Welfare completing a residency at the Military Post on Stanton Island, New York. He later served as Chief of Dental Services at the Northern Navajo Medical Center in Shiprock, New Mexico from 1972 to 1974. Having developed a warm relationship with the Native American people, he provided dentistry through the Indian Health Service after his retirement to numerous reservations throughout the west including the Warm Springs and Umatilla reservations of Oregon.

He served on the Oregon State Board of Dental Examiners and held the position of President from 1979 to 1980. He served on the Dental Hygiene

Licensing Board of Practicing Reviews and helped found the Western Regional Examining Board. He was selected as Oregon's Dentist of the Year in 1989 and was initiated into the International College of Dentists. Dr. Zimmerman ran a private practice in Redmond for 28 years and held his dental license for 50 years.

Wally, a kind and caring man, he always welcomed interns, exchange students, and people in job transitions. He believed in the importance of giving back to the community where he lived. He was a long time Deschutes County Fair Association member and served as its Parade Director from 1974 to 1990 and was honored as the Grand Marshal in 2010. He was active in the Redmond Rotary Club, served on the boards for 12 years and was President from 1982 to 1983. He served on the Redmond Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors from 1984 to 1987 and was named Redmond's First Citizen in 1991. He most recently served as a trustee for the Bend Elks Lodge #1371 and as a board member for the Tumalo Irrigation District.

He had a love for rural life & ranching. He began working wheat harvests in the Pendleton area as a teenager and stayed connected to this activity and the region over his lifetime. He was an active participant in the Pendleton Round-Up Cowboy Mounted Band and was a participant in the annual Happy Canyon Pageant. He and his wife Carol operated a ranch in the Tumalo area where they enjoyed horses and a small hay operation. They also enjoyed travelling and spending time with friends and family.

Dr. Wally Zimmerman is survived by his wife Carol Shull and her children Javan Shull, Michal Shull, Rachel Jonas, Ben Shull and 7 grandchildren. He is also survived by his first wife Linda Zimmerman and their children Michael Zimmerman and Megan Miller and 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his second wife Sharon "Shari" Zimmerman and her son Matt Hahn and survived by her children Mike Hahn, David Hahn and

Stacy Hahn.

He is survived by his siblings Dennis Zimmerman, Gary Zimmerman and Jeff Zimmerman. His parents Mike & Frankie Zimmerman preceded him in death.

A Celebration of Life service will not be held at this time due to COVID restrictions. Memorial contributions in Dr. Zimmerman's name may be made to any of the following: Kemple Memorial Dental Clinic for Children, Redmond Rotary, Bend Elks Lodge #1371, or the Shepherd's House of Bend.