



Reginald Willett Decker

November 28, 1926 - October 18, 2019

Reginald Decker, 92, passed away on October 18, 2019 with his daughter and son-in-law at his side. A truly sweet man, adored by all he met. A wonderful Father, Husband, Companion, Brother, Brother-in-law, Uncle, and Friend. Moments before he passed, he told us that he loved us and he had lived a good life. He passed from this world happy and at peace. Dad was born in Louisville, Kentucky, to Charles and Bessie Decker. He had two brothers, Robert (Bob) and Tilford Decker. Dad left high school in 1943 to join the Merchant Marines and shipped soldiers and supplies to Europe during the Second World War. He was later drafted into the Army and was stationed at White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico. After the service, he returned with his wife Betty Lou Sizemore to their home state of Kentucky. I came along in 1956 and we had such a wonderful family. Dad moved us to Oregon in 1964, after visiting family in Portland. He loved the beauty of Oregon and traveled all over the state. Dad was active throughout his life, water skiing, hunting, fishing, camping, biking, and snow skiing. He learned how to snow ski at age 50 and skied until he was 88. He was a member of the local Over the Hill Gang at Mt. Bachelor. Dad worked as a home improvement contractor and retired to Bend in 1991. He built a house in Sundance Meadows. Once his and Mom's house was complete, he started building houses with Habitat for Humanity. He thought he probably participated in building over 30 homes. After his wife, Betty, passed away in 1994, he met a wonderful lady, Kelly Edison, at a Hospice Support group. She was such a gift and we were lucky to

have her in our lives. Sadly, we lost Kelly just a few years ago. Dad, Rich, and I have shared a home in Bend since 2003. Dad was active and engaged in life up until just a week before his passing. He will be missed by everyone whose life he touched. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, November 30th, at 2:00 pm, at the family home. Contact Michele Decker at 541-350-8362.

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