



Marion R Hardy

December 30, 1935 - March 11, 2015

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Marion Rigney Hardy passed away in Corvallis, Oregon, after a challenging battle with cardiovascular disease on March 11, 2015.

Marion was born on December 30, 1935 in El Paso, Texas, to John and Verlie Hardy, and grew up in San Jose, California. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Janice Hardy of Albany, Oregon, along with his grandson, David. Roberta Ann Hardy, his wife of nearly 50 years, preceded him in death.

Marion and his wife dedicated their lives to each other and their family and both shared a love for all things Christmas. Marion was a kind and gentle person, loving husband and father.

Dedicated to education, he devoted most of his career to teaching high school in Redding, California. Marion was very proud to serve several terms on an elementary school board during his son's school years. He held an undergraduate degree from Chico State University and a master's degree from Sacramento State University.

Marion was an avid swimmer and enjoyed several decades of service to Lions International. He was involved in the Redding Lions as well as the East Albany Lions and served in officer positions for both. He was very environmentally conscious and always enjoyed talking about politics. His family feels blessed that he chose to move to Oregon several years ago to be near them.

A private celebration of life for family and friends is planned. If desired, memorials may be designated in Marion's honor to the Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation Cardiac Care, Corvallis, Oregon, or to Special Olympics of Oregon.

Comments



“ Doug and Janis,
Diane and I met Janis some years ago at a OSU Alumni event. She sat at our table and we were very impressed and found her to be very likable. I hope Doug remembers us from the Redding Swim Team.
It was always an honor to serve with Marion and Roberta on the swim team as board members, officials, meet director and the many trips I made with Marion to Chico to attend NVAL meetings. I remember Marion's dedication to physical fitness through swimming. His example encouraged both Diane and I to get into swimming shape to swim in the 2 mile meet at Whiskeytown. You could always count on Marion being at the pool and grinding out laps. He was a very good role model for age group swimmers as well as the parents.
We all have lost a very good man. We would love to have a chat with both of you to catch up. Please call 530-222-2005.

Dennis and Diane Barry

Dennis and Diane Barry - April 02, 2015 at 12:17 PM



“ Heartfelt sympathy goes to Marion Hardy's family from a former student. I didn't know he lived in Corvallis--I wish I had known much sooner. I remember him as a kind and caring teacher at Shasta High School in Redding. I was a freshman then, and I know he put up with various 14-year-old shenanigans with good grace. He encouraged me to wear my glasses, which I sometimes conveniently "forgot." The world is a better place for Marion Hardy's presence in it.
Phyllis Bailey, Corvallis

Phyllis Bailey - March 22, 2015 at 02:05 PM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Marion's Family. He loved his family and he and his dog Louie were devoted to each other. Louie enjoyed walking Marion around Stoneybrook and visiting with the neighbors.
Marion got so excited planning his trips and loved to share his experiences with his photos. He was a real gentleman a wonderful neighbor,
Laine & Barrie Heathcote

Barrie - March 22, 2015 at 12:13 AM



“ Marion was a well liked member of Stoneybrook Village and will be missed by many. He was always kind and helpful. His Christmas display added joy to the neighborhood. Ruth Bowlby



Ruth Bowlby - March 20, 2015 at 06:48 PM



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Doug Hardy - March 19, 2015 at 01:28 AM



“ Sending our deepest sympathy. We are so sorry for your loss. Marion was a wonderful next-door-neighbor to us here in Stoneybrook. We enjoyed chatting with him and giving his dog, Louie, a pat or two! Marion invited us to see his Christmas village display and he shared stories about his travel adventures. It was most remarkable to see him maneuver his car expertly in reverse to enter his garage!! He was a gentle, friendly man and will be missed. Sincerely, Dorothy and Steven Sowell

Dorothy Sowell - March 17, 2015 at 12:31 PM