



Murray Lane Laver

March 7, 1932 - October 21, 2024

Murray Lane Laver passed away on Monday, October 21, 2024. He was 92. Murray was born March 7, 1932, in Warkworth, Ontario, Canada to Oscar Laver and Clara (Lane) Laver. He was the fifth of six children, his twin brother, Mac, being the youngest.

Murray graduated from Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph in 1955 with a degree in Chemistry. He attended The Ohio State University where he played ice hockey and graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1959. On February 9, 1963 Murray married Mary Margaret Smolska in Cleveland, OH. They moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, then to Seattle, Washington where Murray worked for Weyerhaeuser and the University of Washington. In March of 1969 the family moved to Corvallis, Oregon and Murray became a member of the faculty of the School of Forestry at Oregon State University.

Murray was a Wood Science and Engineering Professor at Oregon State University for 31 years teaching and doing research. One of the highlights of his career was spending a year at Harvard University on sabbatical leave. He acted as major professor for numerous Ph.D. and Master of Science students. Murray retired from Oregon State in February 2000.

Murray played many sports, his favorites being golf and ballroom dance. He also enjoyed helping others, so he volunteered as an AARP Tax-Aide Counselor and Site Coordinator for many years.

Murray is survived by his two daughters: Ann Laver (Maria Mayorga) and

Elizabeth Laver, as well as many nieces and nephews, and extended family members. He is preceded in death by his wife: Mary and his brothers and sister.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made as gifts in Murray's name to either the World Wildlife Fund (worldwildlife.org) or the American Cancer Society (cancer.org)

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember all the summers Murray traveled home to Warkworth. Mac and Murray would meet up at the golf course in the mornings for a round of golf.

Followed by a BBQ burger Mac would make for them out on our deck. Not to forget the dish of ice cream.

Murray would return to our house again in the evenings for a home cooked meal with Mac and I. By end of day all the world's problems were now solved.

When Murray could no longer come home for those visits they had a telephone chat every Friday night. They were very close.

Murray and I did those phone calls a lot after Mac passed away. He missed talking to Mac. Now I also miss talking to Murray.

Rest in peace.

You will always be remembered by
Sister-in-law Barb



Barbara Laver - December 08, 2024 at 06:50 PM