



Richard “Dick” Weilmuenster

Richard “Dick” Weilmuenster, 91, father, grandfather, golfer, and coffee connoisseur died on Tuesday, December 10, 2016 at his winter home in Mercedes, TX. A graveside service will be Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at Fairlawn Cemetery. Strode Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dick was born in Stillwater, OK on October 18, 1925 to Fritz Weilmunster, a serial entrepreneur from Illinois and Grace, a native of Stillwater and the niece of C.E. Donart (a founding family in Stillwater).

Fritz ultimately realized success owning and managing Fritz Auto Electric on South Main Street. Dick’s knack for engineering and all things electronic made for a perfect partnership with his father. Dick ultimately purchased Fritz Auto Electric from his parents in 1955 and successfully ran “the shop” until he retired to focus on family and his golf game.

In 1943 while attending Oklahoma A & M he met the love of his life, “Redskin Beauty”, Laveda “Casey” Case. She brought love and companionship into his life. In 1947 they were married shortly after he returned from serving his country in World War II. She remained his rock and constant companion until her passing in 2003.

A mechanic from the age of 18, Dick was often seen working in his father’s shop. This was interrupted only by his Army service during World War II, during which Staff Sergeant Dick received a Victory Ribbon, a Good Conduct medal, and 2 Bronze Stars for his heroic service. He was good with his hands and known to make anything with an engine run.

Dick often described his best accomplishment as being a parent to “the 3 greatest daughters a father could have”. The daughters having all achieved success in their own right, Dick would jump at any opportunity to speak accolades of Linda, Pam, and Jan to anyone who was willing to listen. And to his beloved daughters, he was the pillar who would carry them to bed and the teacher of the important things in life, such as riding a bike or catching a frog.

No one got greater joy from his grandchildren than Dick. He was the proud grandfather of six grandkids and enjoyed his role as the family spoiler and supporter.

Dick will be remembered for his wit and his generosity by the members of the Sigma Nu Fraternity, Elks Lodge and the Masonic Lodge, of which he was a member for 52 years. He loved sitting in Mom’s Café drinking coffee and telling tall tales with his lifelong friends, especially when they involved his armadillo hunting adventures.

He was preceded in death by his wife; both parents; brother, John Weilmuenster and his daughter Linda Lorene Turvey.

He is survived by his middle daughter, Pamela Carlson; her wonderful husband Donald, both of Yachats OR; his youngest daughter Jan Cook of Arlington, Texas and six grandchildren, Ricky Norman of Phoenix, Adam, Alexis, and Aaron Turvey, all of the Kansas City, KS metro area; Cathey Cook, Christina Van Dorf of Arlington, TX.; five great-grand children.