



## Richard A. Reiber

June 10, 1929 - September 14, 2020

Richard was born June 6, 1929 in Wenatchee Washington, the son of Leetta and Alec Reiber.

Richard graduated from Dryden High School in 1948. On March 4, 1950 he married Catherine Dormairer.

On January 4, 1954, he and Cathy purchased the Elliott Ranch in Orondo where they pursued a very successful life of family, farming and community service, then retiring in 1997 after 43 years of farming and acting as owner/operator of Orondo Fruit Shippers Inc.

Richard was a former member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Elks, Orondo Community Church, and the Orondo Grange where he was the at one time the Deputy Master for Douglas County.

Richard's board service to his community included Douglas County Soil Conservation, Clearing House Board for Orondo, Orondo School District, Grange Supply, Republican Central Committee for Orondo, Church Elder, and was also a member of the Washington National Guard.

Richard and Catherine enjoyed many camping and fishing trips with lifelong friends Dave and Harriett Davies and with Richard's sister, Shirley and brother-in-law Don Olin aboard their yacht.

He is survived by 2 sisters, Joyce West of Centralia, and Terri Hood of Tacoma.; son, Steven Reiber of Seward, Alaska; son and daughter-in-law Doug and Christy Reiber of Orondo; and daughter and son-in-law Betty and

Bruce Skelton of Orondo; 8 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine; his brother, Bob; and sister, Shirley Olin.

A graveside service for Richard will be held at the Orondo Cemetery on Friday September 25 at 2:00 pm.

The family would request that in lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Orondo Community Church or the Orondo Volunteer Fire Department.

# Cemetery Details

## Orondo Cemetery

Hwy 97  
Orondo, WA

# Previous Events

## Graveside

SEP 25. 2:00 PM (PT)

Orondo Cemetery  
Hwy 97  
Orondo, WA

# Tribute Wall

ZD

“ I will always remember Richard for his sincerity and kindness. He was a wonderful leader at the church and a good friend. Even when Grandma Harriett had moved "to town," he made sure to stop by and visit her, which greatly lifted her spirits. He made Orondo a better place! However, now He is with Jesus and that is awesome! My thoughts go out to the family as they carry on here without him.

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**Zach Davies** - September 30, 2020 at 11:10 AM

DO

“ Uncle Richard was one of the best men I have ever known. A kind, caring, family man. I loved when our families got together for Easter, Christmas, vacation and a Apple Blossom or two! Always a great time .

*I will miss receiving his cards. He never missed a birthday for the kids and I.*

*He would always bring apples and peaches to our family.*

*A very proud Dad and Grandfather. He was one of a kind and I will miss our time together. He is with Aunt Cathy, Mom and Dad and I'm positive he and Dad are having a great time !*

*Dawn Renee*

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**Dawn Olin** - September 25, 2020 at 01:13 AM

MS

“ My deepest sympathy to the immediate family of Richard. He was my cousin-my mom, Effie Lindsay, was the sister of Richard's mom, Leetta. I have stayed in contact with Richard since I married and left Washington in 1967. We exchanged Christmas cards and letters every Christmas, including the last. He always kept me informed of his children and grandchildren, their ages and activities. He always spoke highly of them and their accomplishments. I remember all the years he would drive a truck to our house loaded with peaches and apples for us to sell and distribute to family and neighbors. We always looked forward to his visits and his fruit! I will miss our annual communications!

*Margie Lindsay Sebastian*

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**Margie Sebastian** - September 23, 2020 at 03:59 PM

KD

“ Cherish the last few years playing cards with Richard in the evenings with my late husband, sharing history of the valley and discussing our church events. He had been a long time next door neighbor to my husband and his family. Our current home. Many stories shared. He and my husband enjoyed fishing together and we were given the catch. A very generous man in many ways. A great gentleman.

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**Kaye davis** - September 19, 2020 at 06:12 PM

ET

“ *Richard and Cathy were dear friends that started at our Dryden school and community activities.*

*This relationship continued during my seven legislative campaigns.*

*Richard was an excellent orchardist; he kept it neat and tidy like a park.*

*We also were proud to serve this family with quality orchard equipment.*

*Richard and Cathy were solid citizens and the salt of the earth.*

*Sincerely,*

*Earl tilly*

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**Earl Tilly** - September 16, 2020 at 11:55 AM