



David George Seeger

October 8, 1943 - November 9, 2024

David George Seeger, “Dave”, was born to Harlan and Catherine Seeger in Los Angeles, California on October 8, 1943 moments before his identical twin brother James “Jim.” The twins were later joined by a sister, Sylvia before the young family moved to Sunland, California where the family welcomed sister Teresa.

Family and faith were foundational rocks for Dave who lived a quintessential post-war Southern California childhood filled with family road trips, campouts, hikes in National parks, and visiting relatives in Wyoming and Iowa. Dave had fond memories of trips to visit his Seeger grandparents in Iowa, learning to water ski on the Mississippi River from his uncle Lowell, and learning to ride motorbikes from his brother Jim.

In high school Dave not only excelled academically but also won awards in gymnastics specializing in rope climbing. Dave even competed in the rope climbing competition at the Seattle World's Fair in 1962. After high school Dave went on to graduate from the UCLA School of Dentistry's first dental class.

During these years Dave met his first wife Betty (Arnold). After a courtship marked by many pranks and tests of his patience by Betty's younger brothers, Dave was embraced by the Arnold family. Dave and Betty married in 1967. In 1970 they started their family with the birth of the first of their two sons, Craig.

That same year Dave relocated his young family to the Okanogan area and started his dental practice. Dave, Betty, and Craig moved to Omak in 1971 where they started a small family farm and welcomed Eric the next year.

Dave and Betty created a life filled with celebrating their faith and their love of family until Betty's passing in 2004. A few years later Dave found his second love and married Sue (Peterson). Dave and Sue lived life with gusto filling their time together with travel, friends, and family. Dave also loved spending time in the North Cascades mountains. An avid hiker and photographer, he relished planning and taking backpack trips and hikes with his sons and any friends or family up for these adventures. In the winter when he couldn't hike he loved cross country skiing.

Dave retired from his dental practice in 2008 and sold it the next year. He remained dedicated to service in his retirement through his work with boards in the community including the Family Health Centers. Dave also served as an elder, treasurer, and clerk of his beloved Okanogan Presbyterian Church. Retirement allowed Dave more time to spend with family. He visited California regularly and always looked forward to trips to Vermont where he would visit Jim (and his family) and celebrate their birthday together. Most of all, Dave loved being a grandfather and cherished the time he spent with his grandchildren. Dave was a wonderful and much-loved father and grandfather.

Dave Seeger passed away peacefully in his sleep after a brief period of declining health. His family finds comfort in their memories of hikes and campouts, travel, family visits, and the deep and lifelong support they received from their father.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Harlan and Catherine; his brother Jim; and his wives, Betty and Sue. He is survived by his sons Craig (Kathryn

Botsford), Eric (Serene), grandsons Adoniah and Ellis; his Peterson stepchildren Matt and Josh (Angela Pifer) and granddaughter Kaileigh; Dave's sisters Sylvia Birkbeck and Teresa Seeger; sister-in-law Chela Seeger, nephew Joe Seeger (Kate); and the surviving members of his Arnold family: John, Margaret Johansen, Bob (Janet), Dave (Kim), and Lorene Sams (Larry) as well his many nieces and nephews. Dave's kindness and gentleness will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Dave's family invites the community to join them in a celebration of his life at The Okanogan Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 11:00 AM with fellowship to follow immediately after the church service. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 PM at the Okanogan Valley Memorial Gardens where Dave will be laid to rest.

Instead of flowers, the family asks that donations in the memory of David G. Seeger be sent to either the Alzheimer's Association or the Okanogan Valley Orchestra and Chorus (OVOC)

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Okanogan Presbyterian Church
429 West Oak Street
Okanogan, WA 98840

Reception

NOV **23**. 12:00 PM - 2:15 PM (PT)

Okanogan Presbyterian Church
429 West Oak Street
Okanogan, WA 98840

Graveside Service

NOV **23**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Okanogan Valley Memorial Gardens
214 Conconully Road
Okanogan, WA 98840

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dr. Seeger was my family dentist and I worked for him for many years. He was a wonderful man, he was a very caring man. Praying for his family.* ”

LeaDee Corbin - November 20, 2024 at 08:03 PM

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“ *Anne purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of David George Seeger.* ”



Anne - November 19, 2024 at 04:44 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



River Valley Funeral - November 15, 2024 at 01:54 PM