



Richard Arthur Kleinfelder

March 10, 1939 - March 17, 2026

Richard Arthur Kleinfelder, aged 87, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Born on March 10, 1939, in New York, NY, Richard lived a life deeply connected to nature and service, passionately working as a Forester for the U.S. Forest Service.

Richard dedicated many fruitful years of his life to the preservation and stewardship of our nation's natural resources. His work with the U.S. Forest Service was not just a career but a calling. Richard's commitment to ensuring that future generations could enjoy the beauty and bounty of our forests will be remembered and cherished by all who knew him. Outside of his time with the Forest Service, Dick enjoyed numerous outdoor adventures including skiing, golfing, rafting, kayaking, canoeing, hunting, fishing, and international travel.

Richard is survived by his lifetime companion of 47 years, Karen Rose Johnson of Okanogan, WA, who shared in his love for nature and adventure. Together, they built a wonderful life filled with cherished memories and companionship. He is also survived by his sisters, Bettie Ann Kleinfelder Carlson of North Oxford, Massachusetts and Joan L (Kleinfelder) Stancheck of Estero, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Charles Kleinfelder; and his

mother, Marion Louise; his cousin, Dorothy (Soriano) Whitford; and his Godmother, Miss Mathilde Weingartner. Richard will now join them in peace.

Richard's friends and those whose lives he touched are invited to a viewing on Thursday, March 19, 2026, from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. at River Valley Funeral & Cremation at 2547 Elmway, Okanogan, WA. This gathering of friends will be an opportunity to remember and celebrate Richard's remarkable life and legacy.

Though Richard may have departed from this world, his impact and the love he spread will endure in the hearts of those privileged to have known him. May he rest peacefully amidst the forests he adored.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 19. 4:00 PM (PT)

River Valley Funeral & Cremation
P.O Box 949
Okanogan, WA 98840