

**Richard (Dick) Floyd Burdon** died at home surrounded by family on January 19, 2018 in Portland, Oregon. He was 86.

Richard was born to Mabel and Gayle Burdon on February 18, 1931 somewhere in the Terwilliger curves on the way to the hospital. Richard grew up on the family dairy farm outside of Willamina, Oregon where his grandparents settled in the 1800's. As a young man, Richard studied agriculture at Oregon State University and traveled to Brazil as part of a Methodist Mission to teach farming techniques in the rural State of Espirito Santo. In Brazil, Richard met Isabel who was also teaching in the same rural community. Richard and Isabel married and returned to the United States where Richard attended Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He spent several years serving Methodist congregations on the US East Coast, in Africa and back home in Oregon. After retiring from the Methodist church, Richard worked for Fred Meyer and the United States Postal Service and, with his family, operated a small blueberry farm in Wilsonville and Tualatin, OR.

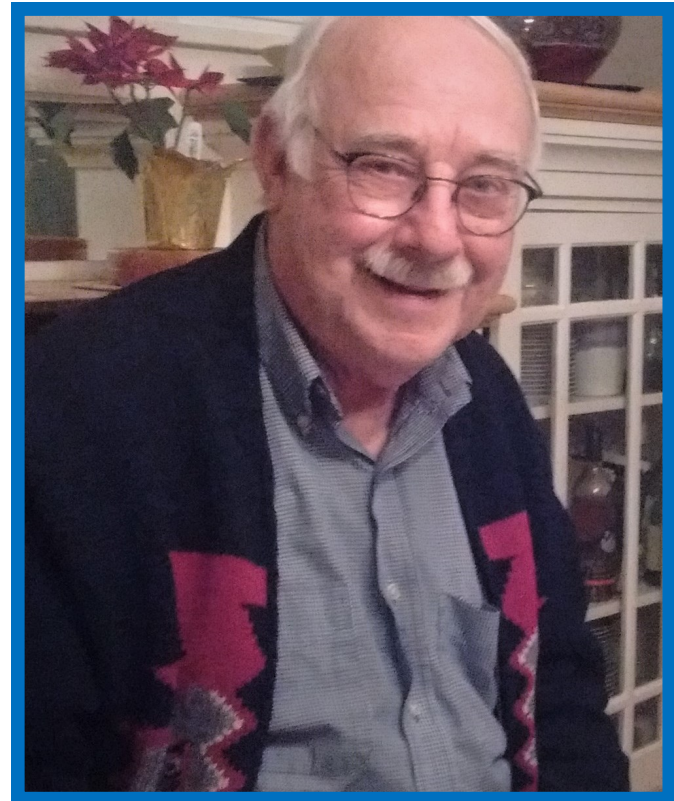
Richard was a generous, compassionate and steadfast father and man. Throughout his life, he was a strong advocate and archivist for human rights, social justice, and the LGBTQ rights movement nationally and locally. Richard was a social "butterfly" and enjoyed staying active with many groups, activities, and faith communities. He especially loved to prepare something delicious in the kitchen, like homemade bread or fruit pie. Richard maintained his love and passion for gardening and propagating native and exotic plants and enjoyed sharing this passion and skill with family and friends.

Richard is survived by his daughter Marcia Burdon of Wilsonville, OR; his son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Rachel Burdon and grandson, Adam Burdon of Portland. He is preceded by the death of his ex-wife, Isabel Felix De Lade Burdon.



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## A Celebration of Life



## Richard Burdon

February 18, 1931 ~ January 19, 2018

# Celebration of Life for Richard Burdon

2:30 p.m., Sunday, February 18, 2018

Gathering Music: Bahttsi

Griff Ocker, Greg Scholl, Dylan Vance,  
Marc Visnick and Matt Ratchford

Welcome

Opening Song: *To You, O God,  
All Creatures Sing (NCH #17)*

Opening Prayer

Reading: Psalm 91

Sung Response: *I Will Raise You Up (NCH #775)*

Reading: Mark 10:46-52

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Spiritual Reflection: Marcia Burdon

Special Music: *Amazing Grace*  
Skip vonKuske, cellist

Eulogy: Howard Thorn

Sharing Our Memories

Special Music:

*500 Miles High* by Chick Corea  
Adam Burdon, pianist

Communion

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love (NCH #498)*  
*In the Bulb (NCH #433)*  
*Abide With Me (NCH #99)*

Prayer of Remembrance & Thanksgiving

Transfer of Membership

Closing Song: *For All the Saints (NCH #299)*

Closing Blessing

Closing Music: Bahttsi



Officiating Minister: Reverend Nathan Meckley

Follow song lyrics and readings on the projection screen.  
"NCH" indicates The New Century Hymnal found in the pews.

Texts in large print are available.