



Richard Dick Yoder

March 16, 1934 - October 29, 2016

Dick Yoder, 82, of Custer, Washington passed away on Saturday, October 29, 2016. Dick was born in Los Angeles County, CA on March 16, 1934 to Lester and Vivian (Strain) Yoder.

After graduating from Hemet High School in Hemet, CA, he joined the Navy in 1952. He married Karen Bounds in 1956 in Hemet California. He was a salesman for Ford Tractor in Hemet and later, after moving his parents to Custer, WA, he and Karen decided to move their family to Blaine, WA, where he worked for Intalco.

Dick and Karen started and continued to dairy and row crop farm for many years while raising their family. Over time Dick, Karen, and son Dale started a small Registered Polled Hereford ranch, as that herd got bigger the dairy cows herd got smaller and smaller until the dairy cows were gone.

Dick was a member of the American Polled Hereford Association, American Hereford Association, Whatcom County Ag. Advisory Committee, Whatcom Conservation District board member, Whatcom County Cattlemen's Association, and the Washington State Cattlemen's Association.

Dick is preceded in death by parents, Lester and Vivian Yoder; brother, Charles Yoder; and daughter, Sharin Yoder.

Dick is survived by his wife of sixty years, Karen Yoder; children, Alan (Joan) Yoder, Renetta (Patrick) Pollock, Dale (Tammy) Yoder, Deborah (Jay) Johnson, and Nadine Weatherby; grandchildren, Jeff Yoder, Chris Yoder, Victoria Pollock, Cabel Pollock, Katie Yoder, Clark Yoder, and Megan Weatherby; and sister, Betty (George) Borlace. He will be missed by his entire family and many friends.

A celebration of his life will be held Friday, November 11, 2016 at 3:00pm at Hope Lutheran Church (900 East Grover Street, Lynden, WA). In lieu of flowers, if desired, please make donations in his honor to the Washington Cattlemen's Endowment Fund of Ellensburg Washington (PO Box 96, Ellensburg, WA 98926).