



Rueben Oster

January 7, 1936 - September 9, 2023

Rueben Oster, born on January 7th, 1936, in Centralia, Washington, to John and Christina Oster, passed away on September 9th, 2023, at the age of 87, surrounded by his family.

Rueben graduated from Centralia High School, attended Centralia Junior College, and then served four years in the Air Force. After his military service, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Washington University. He found his calling in education, teaching math and coaching football and baseball in the Bellingham School District before retiring.

In his personal life, Rueben faced the loss of his beloved wife, Carol, in 2011, and their youngest son, Steven, in 2012.

He is survived by his daughter, Sandy (Terry) Andrus of Winlock, Washington, and granddaughters Holli (Bryan) Moore, along with their children, and Amber (Jim) Brueggeman and their children. He is also survived by his eldest son, Mike (Debby) Oster, of Mount Vernon, Washington, and granddaughters Samantha Oster and Erika Oster.

Rueben Oster's legacy lives on through the generations he touched with his teaching and the love he gave to his family.

Rueben is survived by his sisters Esther M. and Jean A.

Rueben is predeceased by his brothers Edwin E., Albert, John F., Peter, Freddie L, and his sisters Mary I., Emma J., and Alice G.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mike:

So sorry to hear of the passing of Reuben. We have such fond memories of the two of them when we were their neighbors after moving to Bellingham. I so enjoyed his gardening skills and helpful advice he would give me. I've never known anyone who loved thatching his lawn like he did. I especially remember Sat. nights playing his new Intellivision game. He would giggle like a little kid. Our sympathies to both of you and your kids.

Dale and Pat Haveman

Dale Haveman - September 15, 2023 at 12:00 AM