

Rick (Dwight Richard) Eckel, 67

March 5, 1944 - June 13, 2011

ASHLAND, OR —Rick Eckel (Dwight Richard Eckel) age 67, died in a car accident on June 13, 2011 near his home outside of Ashland, OR. He was born March 5, 1944 in Shelby, to Dwight and Anne (Horejs) Eckel. Rick has lived in California, and for the past 30+ years in Oregon. He was on the staff of Oregon State University in Corvallis. After retiring from Oregon State, he worked as a website developer in his home office, and managed his Bed and Breakfast, "Meadow House" in the Colestine Valley, on the border of California and Oregon. Rick graduated from Shelby High School in 1962 and went on to earn degrees from the University of Iowa and various colleges in California.



Rick is survived by his father, Dwight Eckel of Tampa, FL, sisters Kathryn (Eckel) Little of Sturgeon Bay, WI, and Merrie Jo (Eckel) Crumpley of Memphis, TN. He will be remembered by all who knew him for his generous spirit, youthful disposition, love of music and nature, and his infectious laughter that announced his joy for life.

A Celebration of Rick's Life will take place in Oregon at a future date, to be announced. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Rick's memory to the City of Shelby/Agri-Symbol Park/Trail Fund - 419 East Street, Shelby, IA 51570.