



## Richard Lee Blonden

October 8, 1933 - March 17, 2022

Richard "Dick" Blonden  
10/08/1933-03/17/2022  
Wenatchee, Washington

Richard "Dick" Blonden - Husband, Father, Grandfather, and lifelong teacher and educator passed away on Thursday, March 17th, 2022 in Wenatchee, WA. He was 88 years old.

Dick was born in Bellingham, WA on October 8th, 1933 to Milton and Audrey Blonden. The Blonden family, including two twin brothers, Dwight and Duane, moved to Cashmere, WA in the late 1940's and started a new business: Blonden's Hardware, a popular shop in a wonderful town. Dick grew up loving nature and the outdoors and shared that love with his family and friends.

Dick found his calling in education from his parents and his learning at Cashmere High School, Wenatchee Valley College, and Washington State University. He taught High School Vocational Education in Kirkland and Mt. Vernon, WA for 30 years; and received a Vocational ED Teacher of the Year award in 1988. In retirement, he and his wife, Mary Kay, traveled all 50 states, visiting friends and family, creating and sharing with others, wonderful stories.

Dick is survived by his wife, Mary Kay, in Wenatchee, WA; three children, Rick Blonden of Seattle, WA; Kristin Burton of Seattle, WA; and Ron Kahle of Tacoma, WA; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Milton and Audrey; two brothers, Dwight and Duane; and one son, James Kahle.

You are invited to view Richard's Online Tribute at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) where you can share a memory with the family. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel East Wenatchee and Cashmere.