



Richard "Dick" Albert Vadney

June 3, 1927 - July 31, 2021

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Richard "Dick" Albert Vadney, age 94, died peacefully at home in Vina, CA, on July 31, 2021. He was born at Enloe Hospital in Chico, CA on June 3, 1927 to parents Evelyn and Albert Vadney. A life-long resident of Vina, Dick attended Vina Elementary School and Corning Union High School. He was chosen as valedictorian of his senior class, but joined the navy on May 14, 1945 before he graduated. He was discharged on July 6, 1946. At that time, he and his brother, Ed, purchased 120 acres of farm land in Vina, which to this day is farmed by his sons.

Dick married his wife of 65 years, Dorothy, on October 6, 1956. They lived in Vina, where they raised their 5 children. Dick worked endless hours on the farm until his retirement in his early eighties, but continued to stay informed and give advice to his sons. It can be said that Dick farmed until the day he died. His land and crops were his pride and joy.

Besides his love of farming, Dick was a member of the Los Molinos Unified School Board, served on the Grand Jury, and was on the Vina Cemetery Board. He was also a volunteer for the Vina Fire Department. One of his enjoyments came from taking road trips. His children will remember him as a hard worker that expected his children to have the same work ethic. But they will also remember him for all the creative things he built for their enjoyment. From digging a swimming hole, to creating a sail car made from bicycle parts and a living room window drape, to making a canoe from corrugated metal, and much more.

Dick is survived by his wife, Dorothy, his children, Bill Vadney, Steve Vadney (Marion), Tim Vadney (Sara), Laurie Ayers (Bob), Cheryl Boggs (Mark), 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Edward, his sister, Margaret, and his infant granddaughter, Jamie.

There will be a graveside service at the Carter Cemetery, Reed Orchard Rd, Vina, CA, on Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 11:00AM. A reception will follow. The family

asks that donations be made to the charity of your choice.

I spent my life in furrows and orchards
Working and tilling the land
Observing the beauties created
By God's almighty hand

I have touched the richness of soil
I've born the wind and sun on my face
And I would choose this life and this land
Over any other place

A life filled with crimson-dawned mornings
When I was up to greet the sky
Days spent with family and creation
All throughout my life

I was blessed to experience each springtime
Where raindrops have washed the earth clean
While summer's sun nurtured my harvests
Fields bearing the walnut tress

And my life's been strengthened by trials
For the weak can never belong
In a living where nature and the elements
Form a body and a courage that's strong

Still, I've also been blessed with some miracles
During trying times when I couldn't go on
Until God sent me the help I needed
And kept me right where I belonged

So having witnessed the power of God
Upon my life and upon the seasons
I know there's a purpose in everything
Though sometimes we don't know the reasons

...And so my life must be no different
Just like the crops that I have grown
For I am also God's child and seed
That at harvest must come home...

To share in the joy of His presence
And to humbly kneel at His feet
Entering into His joy, and His rest
For a season of everlasting peace

Your golden heart stopped beating
Your tired hands put to rest
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

Cemetery

Carter Cemetery
Reed Orchard Rd
Vina, CA, 96092

Events

AUG 14 **Graveside Service** 11:00AM - 11:30AM

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Reed Orchard Rd, Vina, CA, US, 96092

Comments



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Albert Vadney.



August 12, 2021 at 10:41 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Albert Vadney.



August 11, 2021 at 12:16 PM