



Richard C. Longfellow

December 12, 1934 - March 5, 2023

Philippians 1:21: "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Richard C. Longfellow, 88, of Point Marion, Pa., passed away unexpectedly Sunday, March 5, 2023, at the Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown. Born in Port Gamble, Wash., on Dec. 12, 1934, he was a son of the late Jacob and Mamie (Hoover) Longfellow.

Richard served in the Naval Air Reserve during the Korean Conflict.

He was involved with the ministry of Jesus Christ for years, beginning with American Sunday School Union (later renamed American Missionary Fellowship), planting churches in eight counties in Southwest Washington. He left AMF to form Mission Church Fellowship, continuing his church planting ministry and leading summer youth camps. MCF evolved into a homeschooling ministry, Homeschoolers Outdoor Education, offering weeklong subject matter camps that drew families from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia. He also was an ordained minister with the Presbyterian Church in America, filling pulpits in the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia.

He was a skilled master carpenter, and could build or fix just about anything. After retirement from full-time ministry he continued offering pulpit supply and took on such jobs as limousine driver and

engraver in a trophy shop.

In 2001, he and his wife, Sally, moved to Point Marion, where he often filled PCA pulpits in West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and went to work as a handyman for a local attorney. He continued working right up to the days before his passing.

Surviving are his wife, Sally (Ross) Longfellow; three children and spouses, Kenneth Longfellow (Kathy) of Bellevue, Wash.; Constance "Connie" Spinelli (Joseph) of Bozeman, Mont., and Diane Beard (David) of Morgantown, W.Va.; 10 grandchildren, Adam, Isaac, Jacob, Jedidiah, Jonathan, Nathan, Ruth, Sarah, Tabitha, and Zechariah; six great-grandchildren; and brother, Raymond, of Arlington, Wash.

He was also preceded in death by his sister, Mary Malkus and brother, Donald.

Private graveside services for his family were held at the Cedar Grove Cemetery, New Geneva, Pa., with Pastor Keith Summers officiating. A memorial service is set for Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 11:00 AM, at Green Valley Presbyterian Church, Carmichaels, Pa.

Arrangements are in the care of the Richard R. Herod Funeral Home, Point Marion, Pa.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove

364 Pekar Road
New Geneva, PA 15467

Previous Events

celebration of life

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Greene Valley Presbyterian Church, PCA
104 E Greene St
Carmichaels, PA 15320-1212
(724) 966-5291

Tribute Wall

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“ Love Keith & Kathleen Walker & family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Richard C. Longfellow.



Love Keith & Kathleen Walker & family - March 14, 2023 at 10:06 PM

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“ When I first met Dick Longfellow, some 22+ years ago, by way of introduction from his grandson, Zechariah, I was in need of carpentry help, and he was in need of a job so he could move to WV/PA to be close to his family. I told him that he would never run out of work helping me out. We became very close over the years and he was like a dad to me. He loved me and my family unconditionally. We came to love his entire family and have enjoyed such wonderful fellowship over the years. Dick was a true master craftsman, and not just in carpentry. He worked on the widest range of projects for me, from rebuilding antique fireplace mantles to fitting my race car trailer with all the gadgets for racing. There was nothing he couldn't do -- he always found a way to get whatever it was done to perfection. Mostly, however, was the tremendous spiritual impact Dick has had on my life. Yes, grown men need dads, too! Since my father passed away several years ago from Parkinson's disease, Dick filled that void in my life and I deeply loved him and miss him more than I can say. I visited with him just hours before he slipped away to be present with the Lord. Now, our attention is on the love of his life, his wife, Sally, whom we dearly love and cherish. I thank the Lord for allowing me to share my journey with Dick Longfellow. -
--- Jeff Robinette

Jeff Robinette - March 08, 2023 at 12:29 PM