

Walter Emil “Terry” Hercher passed away at age 94 in his home surrounded by his children and family on Christmas Day, 2020.

Terry was born to Walter and Florence Hercher July 26, 1926, in Roseburg and was raised on a produce farm in nearby Dillard. He graduated from Roseburg High School in 1944, served in the US Navy from 1944 through 1945, and graduated from Oregon State College in 1950 with a degree in electrical engineering. He married the sole love of his life, Shirley Ann Helweg, June 29, 1952. She passed away April 4, 2020, just shy of their 68th wedding anniversary. His career was spent working for Pacific Power & Light Company from 1953 until his retirement as regional power superintendent in 1988. In retirement, he delivered Meals on Wheels, developed hobbies, and invested time and talents in his family and community. His hobbies, which he shared with his children and grandchildren, included fishing, sailing, ham radio, and raising the best home-grown tomatoes. Terry and Shirley lived in Medford from 1953 through 1975 and in the Raleigh Hills area of Portland from 1975. He was completely devoted to his wife, four children, six grandchildren, and great-granddaughter. He was an earnest Christian and a member of Valley Community Presbyterian Church in Portland since 1975, where he was active in facilities planning and management and other committees and groups. He received Valleys Man of the Year award in 2006. He was a man of the highest character and commitment to God, family, friendships and the community. He leaves a legacy of love, loyalty, and faith.

Terry was preceded in death by Shirley Ann. He is survived by his brother, Robert Hercher; children, David (Alicia) Hercher, Steven (Hana) Hercher, Ann (Andrew) Tsen, and John (Wendi) Hercher; grandchildren, Laura, Jachym, Andrew, Elizabeth, Joshua, and Katherine; and great-granddaughter, Mia.

The family suggests memorial donations to Meals on Wheels or Valley Community Presbyterian Church.

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In Loving Memory of
Walter Emil
“Terry” Hercher
July 26, 1926 & December 25, 2020

John 5:24

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

Worship Leaders

Rev. Jeff Binder, Pastor
Karin Chesnutt, Pianist
Ann Tsen, Vocals

A Celebration of the Life of ***Terry Hercher*** *January 10, 2021*

Prelude
Karin Chesnutt

Welcome and Opening Prayer
Rev. Jeff Binder

Hymn
Blessed Assurance
Ann Tsen and Karin Chesnutt

Scripture Reading
Psalm 23

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1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Pastoral Reflection
Rev. Jeff Binder

Hymn
How Great Thou Art
Ann Tsen and Karin Chesnutt

Family Remembrances

Video Remembrance

Hymn
Amazing Grace
Ann Tsen and Karin Chesnutt

Closing Prayer and Lord's Prayer
Rev. Jeff Binder

Blessing and Benediction
Numbers 6:24-26
The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Doxology and Postlude
Karin Chesnutt