



Richard Oden

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Oden, Richard L. Richard L. Oden's rich and varied life came to an end on August 14, 2008 when he lost a long battle with cancer; he was 77 years old. Born and raised in the Texas Panhandle, he is preceded in death by his parents, Farris and Dorothy Oden. Richard joined the ROTC while at the University of Texas and served in the U.S. Army as a lieutenant in Europe during the Korean War Era. He earned his MA from the University of TX and his PhD in English Literature from Tulane University, teaching at Wooster College, the University of Wyoming- Laramie, Texas Tech, and the University of MN, among others. Richard was the author of *Dryden and Shadwell: a Literary Controversy* (U of M Press) and several articles, essays, and poetry. In his second career as a graphics worker, he was a proud member of the Graphic Workers International Union, Local 1B. In retirement Richard became a strong advocate for the environment and a fierce proponent of progressive political change. He is survived and sorely missed by his children, Holly, Eric, Kemp, and Wade; grandchildren, Christopher and Regan Schadl; former wife, Darlene, and his long-time companion and best friend, Memory Peterson-Baur. In Texas and Oklahoma he is survived by his brothers, Bob and Jon; his sister, Rebecca Weatherall; and many nieces and nephews. Private interment. Visitation Thursday, 8/21, 6-8 PM. Memorial Service Friday, 8/22 11 AM with Visitation 1 hr. prior all at: Washburn-McReavy Robbinsdale Chapel 763-537-2333 4239 W. Broadway