Richard was born on September 27, 1944 in El Dorado, Kansas to John and Martha (Singleton) Hogoboom. Richard grew up watching his father work in the oilfields. When he was seventeen, he began working for Fultz & Gates Drilling Company as a tool pusher and truck driver. From 1980-1985, Mr. Hogoboom worked with Towanda Well Service running a dozer and winch truck. He later worked for Flowers Production and other companies as a company pumper and later as a contract pumper.

He was well-known for his work in the oilfield as a contract pumper. He enjoyed his work so much that he would often rebuild oilfield triPlex pumps as a hobby. Richard had a passion for woodworking and he could build anything (wood or other materials as well). His last project was to build a woodburning stove on his own. He didn’t use any plans or blueprints, he just made it and it was absolutely perfect. He was a jack-of-all-trades, master of ALL. Richard also had a love for animals and the wild critters, and he enjoyed gardening. He was also a proud Army veteran, serving in the Army Reserves for several years, with basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.