



## Bart Wesley Ekren

December 28, 1951 - September 21, 2017

Bart Ekren, 65, passed away on Sept. 21, 2017 with his family by his side. Sunday evening, Sept. 17th, Bart suffered a massive stroke when a vegetation on his mitral valve broke away and blocked his left carotid artery. The vegetation was initially found when he was diagnosed with bacterial endocarditis two months ago. Bart will be missed by all who knew him.

Bart was born on December 28, 1951 in Grand Junction, Colorado. Growing up in Colorado gave him an excellent opportunity to exercise his passion for the outdoors. He was an avid fly fisherman, tying his own flies in his teens. He loved to cross country ski in the winter and hike in the summer. Bart would use any excuse to journey into Nature's glory.

After graduating from Arvada High School in 1970, Bart attended college at Colorado State University in Fort Collins where he earned a B.S. in Microbiology. It was in his college years that he married his high school sweetheart, Margie Schuckmann in 1973. They had two children, Clint and Katy.

Bart worked for Coors Brewing Company for one year before entering dental school at the University of Colorado Dental School. He practiced general dentistry in Julesburg, Colorado for four years.

Although he enjoyed his dental practice, he decided to specialize in orthodontics and moved his family to Portland where he completed the Orthodontic Specialty program at OHSU. He opened his Portland orthodontic practice in 1986. He took over a second practice in Warrenton five years ago. At the time of his death Bart was working at both of his private practices as well as part time for Willamette Dental in Beaverton.

Bart indulged himself in many hobbies. He was an avid bird watcher, photographer, fisherman, wood craftsman, amateur astronomer, inventor, and most recently, refurbishing old shop tools.

Bart is survived by his life-long love, Margie, son, Clint, granddaughter, Emma, grandson, Milo, father, Einar Bartlett (94), sisters, Nancy, Sally and Anita, and nieces, Lindsey and Heidi. He was preceded in death by his mother, daughter and grandson.

His passing has left a hole in all of our lives. A celebration of Bart's life will be held 2:00 PM, Saturday, September 30th at Attrell's Newberg Funeral Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to The Dougy Center, a charity that has meant so much to Bart's family, at [www.Dougy.org](http://www.Dougy.org)

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Attrell's Funeral Chapel - Newberg  
207 Villa Road, Newberg, OR, US, 97132

**SEP** **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM - 03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ I’m commenting as one of the many people Dr. Ekren had a positive impact on. I hardly knew him after meeting him a few months ago, but it was instantly apparent the type of person he was. His honest compassion and respect was instantly noticeable by his great big smile and his sincere concern for those he could help. I hope he touched other people’s lives as he touched mine, and I hope to help his legacy live on by smiling a little bit bigger, and caring for people a little bit more. He will be missed but he will not be forgotten.

**Tyson Miller** - September 30, 2017 at 02:20 PM

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“ Hi Margie

I just received the very sad news of Bart’s passing from Greg Koeln last night. I spent some time reflecting on my time with Bart at CSU and I can say, unequivocally, that I enjoyed every minute I spent with him. The added and, very large bonus, is I also got to know you. I first met Bart in 1971 in our sophomore year at Corbett Hall and we became friends very quickly. We both like being outside and went on many hikes around Fort Collins looking for rock specimens and practicing our photography with our new SLR cameras. Our only concern on these hikes was if Bart’s Renault (I think that was the make) would get us back home. It always did.

Bart and I took several college classes together and what I remember most is how smart he was. Whether it was economics, physics or surveying he understood the most complex subjects almost instantly and without effort.

By my calculations, we were everyday friends for about 4 years. As it happens in life, we went our separate ways and the years went by way too fast. However, to this day, I consider you and Bart to be in a handful of people I consider to be my best friends. My contact information is below. If there is anything I can do for you, please let me know.

My sincerest condolences to you and your family

Carson Mallory

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**Carson Mallory** - September 29, 2017 at 02:45 PM

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“ Margie,

I do not know if you will remember me, but Bart and Gevan were my suitemates in Corbett Hall at CSU. Gevan shared the sad news about Bart. We did not keep connected, but I have thought of you and Bart many times. Linda (my wife) and I will keep you and your family in our prayers and thoughts. Please send us your address. We would like to keep in touch with you in the future, if nothing else, by sending you a note at the holidays. You can reach us at Linda's email, [LLKoeln@verizon.net](mailto:LLKoeln@verizon.net) or by mail at 20825 Clear Morning Ct., Germantown, MD 20874.

We will be thinking of you!

Linda and Greg Koeln

**Greg Koeln** - September 28, 2017 at 08:54 PM

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“ Bart's love for children shined through in the work he seemed to love to do. My daughter was always at ease and Bart made her smile and talked to her with such compassion with her orthodontic process. He will be so missed and my prayers go out to his family in this most difficult time.

**Katie Whisenhunt** - September 26, 2017 at 10:44 AM