



David Eli Bolliger

August 21, 1956 - May 23, 2022

David “Dave” Eli Bolliger, born August 21, 1956, in Wheeler, OR, passed away from rapidly progressing glioblastoma brain cancer on May 23, 2022. He passed peacefully at home, surrounded by his family.

Dave was born in the summer of 1956 to Oscar and Ernestine (Rebello) Bolliger. As the youngest of six children, Dave was lovingly doted on by his older siblings during his childhood in Garibaldi. Dave attended Neahkahnie High School, where he met the love of his life, his wife Shirlee. Dave and Shirlee were married after Shirlee graduated from high school in 1979, and enjoyed nearly 43 years together. They welcomed daughter Kelli and son Todd, and later adopted their two youngest daughters, Kaitlyn and Elyssa, to complete their family.

Dave was a volunteer firefighter for many years, beginning with the Bay City Fire Department and then moving on to the McMinnville Fire Department. He began his career in the timber industry in 1979 and continued following his passion for the woods by starting his own business.

Dave loved his work, but nothing compared to the family he and Shirlee created. Dave and Shirlee’s four children blessed Dave with 8 grandchildren whom he loved more than life itself. Kelli and her husband Carl gave him Caden, Avery, Sienna, and Adele; Todd and wife Lauryn gave him Lillian, Juniper, and River; Kaitlyn gave him Avery Rose; Elyssa and husband Kevin gave him his grandbunny Toffee.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Ernestine Bolliger, and

his oldest sister, Susan Blake. He is survived by his wife, Shirlee Hess Bolliger, children Kelli (husband Carl) Hansen, Todd (wife Lauryn) Bolliger, Kaitlyn Hamilton, and Elyssa (husband Kevin) Derochowski. He is also survived by siblings Nancy Meister, Richard Bolliger, Michael Bolliger, and Julie Olson, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, June 4th, at 11 AM at Praise Assembly in McMinnville, OR.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in David's name at Attrell's Funeral Chapels.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 4. 11:00 AM (PT)

Praise Assembly Church
930 NE 35rd St.
McMinnville, OR 97128

Tribute Wall

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“ I did not know David the youngest of the Bolliger children, but I did get to know the rest of them and my dearest childhood friend, Nancy, and Susan, and I have been searching for them for many years. I lived next to them when they lived in Bay City when we went to school together and played together. She was my dearest friend and I haven't been able to find Nancy all these years. If any of the siblings get this message would you please tell her that I am trying to reach her and I would love to hear from her. I would love to hear from any of you! I'm so sad we lost touch with each other because the Bolliger family was my favorite place to be and my favorite people in my childhood! I am so sorry one of you is missing, as well as your delightful parents! My name as a child was Judy Cruse, I married and changed both names a few decades ago and now go by Jaye Bernards. I can be reached by text message at 503-689-5066, in McMinnville Oregon. I am planning to relocate near my granddaughter's in Louisiana within 6 months, but the phone number will remain the same. Mike, I just have to tell you, I still miss your fried potatoes, I've never found anyone to make them even close to the perfection you could get them!! 😊
I really hope to hear from one of you soon. The date today is April 2nd and my birthday is on April 4th and that would be the best birthday present ever! I still love you all!

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