



## David Bruce Monson

February 14, 1948 - May 16, 2024

David Bruce Monson, of Newberg Oregon, passed away suddenly at home of natural causes on the morning of May 16, 2024. He was 76 years old.

David, better known as Dave or Davey to his friends and family, was born on February 14, 1948 in Portland Oregon. He was the third son of Dr. Robert Burden Monson and Ludmilla Philomena (Seidl) Monson. He spent the majority of his childhood in Sweet Home Oregon, though for his freshman year of high school he attended Jesuit Catholic School in Portland, and had very fond memories of living with his grandparents (Seidl) on their farm in Beaverton during that time. He returned to Sweet Home for the remainder of high school, where he participated in football, wrestling, and student government.

Dave attended college at Portland State and OCE (Monmouth), attaining a teacher's license, and then went on to major in civil engineering at Oregon State University. During his college years he worked summers on the Oregon coast as a commercial fisherman, nurturing his lifelong love of boats and the ocean. In his engineering career he worked as a City Engineer/Public Works Director/Consultant for cities including Florence, Sweet Home, West Linn, Dundee, Willamina, and Yamhill, as well as being employed by various private firms at times.

Dave was an avid outdoorsman, and truly loved nature and being in it. He loved hunting and fishing, camping and exploring, hiking, skiing, boating... from crabbing at the coast to mushroom foraging in the mountains to hunting in Eastern Oregon, he was always looking forward to the next season... his passion for the outdoors was a constant in his life. He was an avid reader, seldom going anywhere without a book or his beloved Kindle. He loved creating wonderful food and sharing the fruits of his labors, whether it was produce from the garden, his famous venison jerky, toasted hazelnuts from the orchard, homemade sausage, etc., he always offered something to anyone who stopped by the house.

He is survived by his wife Lorna, son Tony, brother Rob (Judi), and sisters Shari (Mark Schlender) and Mary (Kurt Klug).

A Celebration of Life will be held August 1st at Champoeg State Park, in the Pavilion/Pioneer Memorial Building from 1-4 pm.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Champoeg State Park  
8239 Champoeg Rd. NE  
Pavilion/Pioneer Memorial Building  
St. Paul, OR 97137

# Tribute Wall

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“ *It is with much sadness that I learned of Dave's passing. He was a wonderful friend. We were in the same history class in high school and I always remember his ability to concentrate without distraction. I send my heartfelt condolences to Lorna, Tony and the entire family. Judy Frey England*

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**Judy Frey England** - August 07, 2025 at 09:31 PM

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“ *Dave hired me into the West Linn Engineering Division in 1997 as I retired from the Navy. I learned so much from him and will be ever grateful for his kindness and patience with me while I learned. He was a wonderful boss and friend. My sympathy to his wife Lorna and son Tony of whom he spoke of often and with great love!*

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**Dennis Wright** - December 14, 2024 at 03:16 PM