



Ed Christie

March 23, 1941 - April 16, 2026

Ed Christie, named Donald Edward, was born on March 23, 1941, to Earl & Flossie Christie as the youngest of 7 children.

He passed away from complications of a hemorrhagic stroke on Thursday, April 16, 2026.

He was raised in a traditional log cabin that his father built on Chehalem Mountain--five miles from the center of Newberg, as he liked to tell people. He spent a happy childhood there and still enjoyed going "up on the hill," where he owned property and a big shop. It was his "happy place". Four days before passing he was there in the shop cutting wood for the wood stove.

Ed graduated from Newberg High School in 1959. While involved in the high school wrestling program, he also played violin in what was then called the Portland Junior Symphony. After high school graduation he spent two years in the army. When he returned from Korea, he married his high school sweetheart in 1963.

Attending Portland State, he drove a cement truck to help get him through school, and graduated in Business Administration. He then worked for years in the lumber products business, in construction and real estate, as the Deputy Director of State Lands in Salem, then returned to the wood products

industry. Along the way he skied many great hills, camped with family and friends, took multiple trips to Alaska, learned to fly, sailed his small sailboat, built buildings and shops for himself, went on a cruise to the Caribbean, threw his own fantastic 50th birthday party, went to Santiago, Chile with Brent to visit a friend and colleague, traveled to Australia and New Zealand, visited Mexico, spent time in Palm Springs and Indio, and took his 38' Bayliner Cruiser from Newport, OR to the San Juan Islands, plus a variety of other adventures. He often said, "I'm a lucky guy."

Ed is survived by his wife of 63 years, Cathy, a daughter Lucia (Carl) and son Brent (Trea), as well as two sisters Marjorie and Maryle, and many nieces and nephews. He was a truly loving and attentive husband, father and father figure, brother, uncle and friend.

A gathering to celebrate Ed's life will take place at the Newberg Chehalem Cultural Center, 415 E. Sheridan St., on Saturday May 30th from Noon to 3pm. All who knew Ed are welcome! Come for lunch and stay to visit. The Cultural Center is the former Central School, which Ed and Cathy both attended as elementary students. Park in the lot at the rear of the building, or streetside.

Ed was a storyteller extraordinaire, so come and share Ed stories with one another! Bring printed pictures to display on the photo table, email digital images to the address below, or text them to Ed's family members.

RSVPs appreciated but not required: edchristiegathering@gmail.com

The family looks forward to visiting with you.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to Yamhill County Action Partnership Youth Outreach, <https://yamhillcap.org/> or Newberg Animal Shelter, <https://newberganimals.com/>

Upcoming Events

Memorial Gathering and Lunch

MAY 30. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Cehalem Cultural Center
415 E Sheridan St
Newberg, OR 97132

Tribute Wall

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“ *The Christie’s were the first neighbors we met when we moved to Oregon. An instant bond developed that only grew stronger. We became the greatest of friends, doing things together from just sitting around talking, to going to our favorite places to eat. Ed was extremely proud of his many accomplishments. He had an insatiable thirst to learn new things and today’s technology fascinated him. His genuine enthusiasm for life was infectious. We looked to Ed as many people have, as Newberg’s ambassador and historian. But more importantly, Ed was truly a wonderful caring person.*

We will fondly remember him, and his suspenders, and dearly miss him.

aloha ‘oe 💕💕 Bill & Velina

William Haines - Yesterday at 06:21 PM

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“ *I will will always cherish our last visit together up on the hill, we cut wood for your wood stove and then we went to J’s for lunch. That was about a month before your passing. The visit last year when you and Aunt Cathy came out to the river property to visit and we had a wonderful lunch together with Eric in town. You will be greatly missed. I love you aunt Cathy, Brent(Trea), Lucia (Carl) you are in our prayers! Greta*

Greta Niehus - May 13 at 12:48 PM

JH

“ *Jim Hughes lit a candle in memory of Ed Christie*



jim hughes - May 06 at 12:49 PM

CW

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Christian Widmer - May 05 at 10:54 AM

CW

Back in 1990 my dad took Brent & I to Alaska for 3 weeks. Ed loved me ever since we got back from that trip lol. Great guy I looked up to. I'll miss him dearly...

Christian Widmer - May 05 at 11:00 AM

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“ *Ed was a close boyhood friend of me and my family. He will be missed by the Newberg community.*

Roger Renne - May 03 at 01:07 PM