



Martin "Marty" M. Owens

October 23, 1958 - February 12, 2020

Martin Murray Owens, known to family and friends as “MO”, passed away on February 12, 2020 in Tualatin, Oregon. He was 61.

Marty was born on October 23, 1958 in Redmond, Oregon. He attended school in Culver, Bend, Lake Oswego and Sherwood, Oregon. During his time at Sherwood High School, he was a dedicated athlete and teammate playing on numerous football, basketball and baseball playoff teams, earning league and state honors. He developed many lifelong friendships with his classmates at SHS.

In the fall of 1977, he enrolled at University of Oregon to play baseball and pledged Pi Kappa Alpha. By the fall of 1979, he landed at Eastern Oregon State College in LaGrande, Oregon. That is where he found his place playing baseball for the Mounties at Snowflake field. He was well known for his creative and unique pitching motion antics. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Economics from Eastern in the spring of 1982.

Soon after graduation, Marty started coaching youth baseball, playing on numerous slowpitch softball teams and began his career working in business.

Marty's outgoing personality flourished when he started work with Precision Interconnect in 1988. In 1998 he accepted a position as buyer with the same company in Empalme, Mexico. This is where he developed a true love and passion for photography. Sharing many of his photos with family and friends. He was honored that one of his photos was chosen to be placed on the cover of the Oregon Cattleman's Magazine. He also had pictures proudly displayed

in the Skinner Family book, "High Desert Promise". His last place of work was his most cherished. He enjoyed every minute working alongside his extended family of Samtec coworkers in Wilsonville and for the best boss in the world, Cindy Diegel.

Marty took extreme pride in his family (parents, siblings, nieces, nephews), friends, relatives, former teammates and players. He loved visiting the Skinner Family Ranch in Jordan Valley, Oregon, hunting in Maupin and Heppner, fishing in the Sea of Cortez, painting, swing dancing, gardening, tying flies, and creating flashy fishing lures. To all of those who knew "MO", he always had a clever one-liner followed by his unforgettable soft laugh. His huge heart alongside his kind soul for his family and friends will never be forgotten.

Marty is survived by his mother Johanna Skinner Owens, father Duane Owens, sisters Andrea Waldrop (Doug), Billie Jo Burns (Paul), Alison Bertalotto (Jeff), brother Wes Owens, 3 nieces, 4 nephews, 2 great nieces, and a great nephew. He was preceded in death by his biological father William Burr in 1963.

A graveside service was held on February 29, at 10:00 a.m. in Caldwell, Idaho, at Canyon Hill Cemetery. A luncheon will follow after the service.

A Celebration of Life, which will include Marty's favorite meal is being postponed for a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Marty Owens may be made to, "America's Game" c/o Howard Fetz, PO Box 282 Maupin, OR 97037, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that is supporting the return of baseball to Eastern Oregon University.

Arrangements by Attrell's Funeral Chapel, Sherwood, Oregon, and Daken Funeral Chapel, Caldwell, Idaho.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Martin was a gentle giant of a man who spread joy wherever he went. I worked with Marty at PI from the mid 80's to the mid 90's. I would occasionally see him at our local Fred Meyer over the past couple of years. I always felt happier after talking with Marty and he was always so positive, even in facing adversity. I will miss Marty, we all will miss Marty.*

Dave Cordier - March 03, 2020 at 02:10 AM

HZ

“ *Marty Marty Marty!! Such a great man with a big heart. I loved working with you at Precision Interconnect attending softball games and Christmas Parties and Dancing with you.,the best dancer ever. Such a great ladies man. You will always be remembered. RIP Marty* ❤️

Heidi Zeldenthuis - February 29, 2020 at 03:26 PM



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Scott Hadsall - February 26, 2020 at 06:06 PM



Martin Monsey

“ I was fortunate enough to play baseball with MO at Eastern Oregon! Even was a roommate for a couple of years. Such great memories of MO in LaGrande. Damn, I have so many tales from those years. So sorry to see him go. But at least Mike Farmer is waiting to show you the ropes up there!

Martin Monsey - February 21, 2020 at 10:36 PM

MM

“ I am proud to say that I was friends with MO! I was privileged to be able to play baseball with him at Eastern Oregon! Such great times! We even roomed together for a couple of years. Such fond memories of a great guy! Damn, I have so many unforgettable stories about MO in LaGrande. Damn glad I got to know him!

Martin Monsey - February 21, 2020 at 10:26 PM

MI

“ I worked with Marty at Precision Interconnect and then TE. Marty was a gentle and generous man with a ready smile and a laugh that couldn't help putting a smile on your face no matter where you were in the office when you heard it. I enjoyed working with him for the 10+ years he was with the company and I always knew I could count on him for whatever I needed. My heart breaks for his family and friends who will no longer have him in their lives-this is a loss beyond description and my thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Mary Inman

Mary Inman - February 19, 2020 at 09:09 PM

DK

“ Marty always had a wonderful smile. Loved talking to him.

Doreen (Dyche) Van De Kop - February 19, 2020 at 08:34 PM

KB

“ I went to school with Marty. During our freshman year he play on the football team and I was a cheerleader. I was shy and Introverted (unusual for a cheerleader). Marty was always so kind to me, he helped me feel accepted and survive my freshmen year.

Fast forward to 1990 and I was working in sales in the high tech industry. My largest customer was Precision Interconnect. I was informed that I would soon have a new buyer. Imagine my delight when I showed up and saw Marty's smiling face.

I lost track of him after he went to Mexico but saw him at the HS reunions and it was always fun to catch up. He was an amazing person and he will he missed.

Karen (McCoy) Blodgett

Karen Blodgett - February 19, 2020 at 08:28 PM

SA

I too worked with Marty. I was there back in the Jay Nahm days and Marty was in warehouse with Steve Barrows who also was a wonderful person. Sad the seasons we all come together again now.

Shelley Anderson - February 26, 2020 at 07:37 PM

TH

I was one year behind him and he never picked on me , made fun once in a while but was always nice to me !

tracy e hacker - September 04, 2020 at 04:22 PM