



## Zacharie Giroux

July 8, 1976 - November 22, 2016

Zacharie (Zac) Giroux of Newberg, passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home on Nov. 22nd 2016.

Zac was born in London, England. He grew up in Newberg, attending Ewing Young Grade School, other local schools, and graduating from Aloha High School. His love of travel and languages took him all over the world; he lived in Mexico where he taught English and later travelled widely in Europe and Asia before entering the US Air Force, where he served for 11 years as a Cryptologic Language Analyst. After attending the Defence Language Institute in Monterey CA, he served three years in Korea and the remainder of his career in the Washington DC area. He was accredited in five languages with fluency in 12.

Zac was also committed to his volunteer work as a medical interpreter.

Zac was an avid outdoorsman, an accomplished white water rafter, snow boarder, hiker and disc golfer. He loved being in nature. Zac's circle of friends was enormous and he could be relied on to turn any gathering into an adventure. His love of life was huge. He will be sorely missed by many.

Survivors include his father Jerry Giroux of Seattle, his mother, Christine Paull and stepfather Dave Paull of Portland, half sisters, Ivy Hudson of Portland, Denise Scioli of Austin, Texas, and Sharel Firstenberger of Philadelphia.

Nieces, Sonoma Clampitt of Austin, Myra Musgrove, New York, Sulekha Moler of Austin and step brother Justin Paull of Portland. Other survivors include his fiance Beth Manhat, many cousins and Aunts & Uncles in England, as well as

his faithful dog Flapjack.

A private memorial will be held for family members followed by a ceremony with full military honors at Willamette National Cemetery, date yet to be determined.

Donations can be made to Paws Assisting Veterans Inc. (PAVE) Cornelius OR. [paveusa.org](http://paveusa.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Willamette National Cemetery

11800 SE Mt. Scott Blvd.  
Portland, OR 97086

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 24. 2:30 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Zach was my classmate in the Air Force, an excellent Airman and dedicated servicemember. I will always remember him and our inside jokes. I just found out Zach departed. However, I will always cherish our classroom memories and forever carry our good memories. Fly high my friend, another Angel in the heavens.

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**Reiner Herrera** - May 07, 2025 at 07:28 PM

DP

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**Dave Paull** - February 21, 2017 at 12:32 AM

HV

“ It was a terrible shock to learn that Zac had left so unexpectedly. Dearest friend Christine, I vividly remember Zac at your wedding reception with Dave. Zac's natural warmth, friendliness, and genuine charm were truly beguiling. Although I recognized his compassionate and patient nature, I had no idea that he became so accomplished in his career including mastery of several languages. Knowing him, albeit briefly, was a true blessing. He is for ever in the hearts of all who love him.

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**hvallor@comcast.net** - December 12, 2016 at 02:19 PM

MD

“ To Christine, Dave, Floyd and all who knew Zac. Just no words to describe the shock and deep sadness of saying farewell to cousin Zac. I wish we could have spent some more time together in England, it's impossible to contemplate that we won't be able to see him here anymore. Very special times and fond memories when Zac came to town. It always felt quite an honour and vey cool to have the big hearted, charismatic, well travelled American come to visit us in little old St Mary Cray! Too short a life, that just leaves us empty and begging the question, why? But in his lifetime, Zac showed his love for life everywhere he went, with everybody he met and in the many great things he achieved. We miss you, and we're proud of you, Zac. Love from Mike, Mary & family xx

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**Mike Dalton** - December 11, 2016 at 09:20 AM

DD

“ Christine and those close to Zac, we're so shocked and saddened. I remember Zac's birth during the hot English summer of 76 as though it were yesterday. And then watching him from afar grow up, in awe of his grasp of languages, and his curiosity and enthusiasm for life. So young to leave this world and so heartbreaking for those who loved him. Fond memories always Zac. David (in Sussex)

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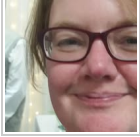
**David Dalton** - December 07, 2016 at 04:17 PM

AC

“ Auntie, so sad. Memories of Zac coming home, a beautiful baby. Mum so adored him. Kathryn following him everywhere when she was this little toddler, he was her hero. Will remember you always with love cousin Zac. xxx Allison

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**Allison Clarke** - December 03, 2016 at 07:32 PM



“ Auntie, Dave, Uncle Floyd and all those who loved Zac - its just heart breaking that Zac has died so young. Still seems unreal. I remember seeing him, new born, in the hospital when I was 9 years old. He was a dear cousin to me and grew up to be such a lovely guy, with an enthusiasm for life & pride in his British roots. I recall a visit to stay with us in English when Zac insisted on driving through deepest Sussex, straight from the airport, as he couldn't wait to visit all the medieval castles in the area! We were last in touch in the summer & I'll treasure the pictures he sent me then. Bless you Zac. Your cousin, Christine Neale.

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**Christine Neale** - December 01, 2016 at 12:18 PM