



David Williams

October 13, 1949 - August 9, 2022

David was born in Chicago, Illinois. He was the first child to his parents Curtis and Florence. His three sisters followed in the next few years, Diana, Donna, and Debbie. Eventually, his family moved in with his mother's parents who he adored. Grandpa and Grandma Schmidt gave him the love and guidance he would hold with him his entire life. Life in Chicago was at times chaotic, but when David went to his grandparents farm in Paris, Tennessee, he was in Heaven on Earth. David loved to hunt with his grandfather, Pa, and learned about cooking from his grandmother, Grandma. Time with his two sets of grandparents were some of his most cherished memories of his childhood.

After high school, he was drafted into the military where he served his country as a nuclear weapons technician during the Vietnam War. The recruiter had asked him what he wanted to do in the military, to which he replied, "Anything that keeps me out of combat!". With his vast intelligence and aptitude for science, he served in South Korea for a time before coming back to the United States.

Once he was out of the military for several years, David became friends with Lucy Hicks who became like a mother to him and treated him like her own son. She convinced him to move out to Oregon with her and in the winter of 1979 they drove across the country together. David arrived in Oregon on New Year's Day 1980. When asked about

his journey to Oregon, he would reply, "My life began when I moved to Oregon January 1st, 1980".

In the next year, he met the love of his life, Kathy. They met at a church class when David stopped to pet a Golden Retriever that was in a car in the parking lot. Kathy came out to the parking lot a few minutes later. David had loved dogs his whole life and it was fitting that he would find the love of his life like this. In Spring of 1981, David and Kathy were married.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life with Reception

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Williams*

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“ *David's kindness, intellect, and his devotion to Elizabeth will be greatly missed. He was well loved for his humor. David and Kathy created such a lovely home for Elizabeth and their beloved companions (Alyse). Peace to his memory. - Julie, Sister-in-law.*

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