



## Robert E. Guttridge

December 16, 1953 - October 8, 2024

Rob Guttridge walked on from this earth at his residence in Oregon City. He was born in Oregon City at the old Hutchinson Hospital to Wilma and the late Joseph Guttridge of Springwater Oregon. He spent his formative years on the family Century Farm in Springwater and was well known for speaking his mind and expounding on a variety of subjects. He graduated with honors from Estacada High School in 1972. He matriculated to the College of Notre Dame (CND) in Belmont, California to pursue a degree in journalism instead of attending the family preferred school Lewis and Clark College! This is where he met his spouse, Denyse McGriff. He graduated with honors from CND and returned to Oregon. He and Denyse were married on the family farm in 1985. Four years later, Stephen completed the family.

He worked at various jobs before finding a career in the field of recycling. He worked for the Bend Recycling Team, KB Recycling. His last employment was as a Waste Reduction Specialist at Clark County, Washington. Rob especially enjoyed traveling to area schools and introducing students to the environmental benefits of recycling. Upon leaving full-time work, Rob became actively involved in the family tree farm, and eventually acquired his own tree farm where he spent many enjoyable hours pruning, thinning, and improving the health of his tree farm. This led him to involvement in many local forestry associations, and he was a very active volunteer in Clackamas Tree School, Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association, and Oregon Small Woodlands Association.

Rob was a lifelong member of the Springwater Grange #263, and the Springwater Presbyterian Church. Rob was active in the Rose City Astronomers, Association of Oregon Recyclers, was currently serving as the president of the Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association.

He is preceded in death by his father, Joe. He is survived by Denyse and son Stephen; brothers Alan (Rosemary), Gary, Don (Tami), Tim (Nike); nieces Marilyn, Jessie Jo, Kara and Kendra; brother-in-law Steven (Gloria), sister-in-law CarolAnn (Antonio), nephews Sebastian, Ethan, Justin, and niece Berlynn, and many cousins and friends. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Hopkins Demonstration Forest-Forests Forever Inc., or the Springwater Grange #263.

A private service and interment will take place for the family, followed by a celebration of life at 4 pm at the Springwater Grange #263 located at 24591 S. Springwater Road, Estacada, Oregon 97023. Please wear Pendleton or Plaid- Rob's favorite!

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 2. 4:00 PM (PT)

Springwater Grange #263  
24591 S. Springwater Road  
Estacada, OR 97023

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ *This donation is in memory of my dear friend and dedicated educator, Rob Guttridge and, his work for all our children for their understanding of the specialness and of the care required and needed for the world we live in.*

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**John Matthews** - November 02, 2024 at 05:34 PM

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“ *Charlotte Becker lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Guttridge*



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**Charlotte Becker** - November 02, 2024 at 02:25 PM

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“ Geez, I'm lost for words. Rob was a good man. I was fortunate to know him and to see him at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest just days before he passed. He was so involved in forestry, recycling and volunteering all the time I knew him. He was Chair of AOR during one of our big challenges of fending off a zealous fire inspector, who was pushing to make recycling so safe it would cost businesses thousands of dollars to set up office paper recycling with the "proper" containers. I remember the hearing in Salem, when AOR members showed in big numbers to rebut the claims that containers being used were dangerous. Rob and I rode to Salem together that day and coming back we felt AOR had been successful in stopping the threat. We were both crying tears of joy. Though I only saw Rob occasionally over the years, it was always a sweet surprise. That's how I saw him on October 5, handing out name tags at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest for Tree Field Day - one of his major volunteer activities. We even climbed the forest lookout and he pointed out landmarks we could see from up there. Wow! I'll miss his pop up appearances. It seems like we were on the same path that split apart over distances of months or years, but always seemed to come back together.

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**Charlotte Becker** - November 02, 2024 at 02:18 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert E. Guttridge.



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October 29, 2024 at 08:40 PM

DM

“ Rob was so easy to like, and I liked him a lot. He was genuine, dedicated, kind, open and cheerful nearly every time we met. I was pleased when he took the job at KB Recycling where we could regularly co-miserate on the challenges of recycling polystyrene and the other plastics flooding the wastestream. And who could forget the talent show at an AOR conference when he gave a soulful rendition of the Percy Sledge classic "When a Man Recycles Newsprint"! I haven't seen Rob for close to a decade and oddly, he has been in my thoughts this past week. Now, sadly, I learn of his passing. So sorry to lose him. A fine person. David McMahan -- (Cloudburst Recycling)

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**David McMahan** - October 26, 2024 at 03:35 PM

PC

“ Dear friends and family of Rob, reflecting on numerous conversations at AOR events, I've always held the highest respect for Rob. Though my depth of relations with Rob was oriented around the three "Rs", he will dearly be missed. Thank you, Rob, for being a curious, kind and good human. Pete Chism-Winfield

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**Pete Chism-Winfield** - October 25, 2024 at 03:52 PM