



## Curt Michael Plants

April 20, 1984 - April 28, 2017

Curt Michael Plants was called home to be with the Lord on Friday, April 28, 2017. He passed away from a fast moving streptococcal blood infection. A celebration of life service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at the Mountain View High School Auditorium, 2755 NE 27th St. Bend, OR 97702. The celebration will continue at GoodLife Brewing Company following the service at 3:00 p.m. Curt was born on April 20, 1984, in Bend, Oregon to Rick & Jan Plants. During his first 18 years, Curt enjoyed growing up in Bend, spending time in the outdoors, playing football and singing in the choir at Mountain View High School where his dad was the Choir Director and Activity Director. Throughout his life, Curt and his family spent much time at the familys cabin at Odell Lake where he enjoyed watersports, fishing, and hiking with his grandfather, father, brothers, uncles, and cousins. After graduating from high school, Curt attended Southern Oregon University for a year and then transferred to Oregon State University. Curt threw himself headlong into every passion and pursuit in his life, always striving for the absolute best. After immersing himself into different ventures, Curt found his passion for craft brewing. Curt enrolled at the Seibel Institute of Technology, one of the nations most respected brewing curriculum. He then set out to complete the World Brewing Academy (WBA) International Diploma in Brewing Technology; an International diploma program conducted at the Doemens Academy in Munich, Germany. He graduated in the spring of 2009. After returning to Bend, Curt fell in love with Jennifer Erb and they were married October 8, 2011 at

Inn at the Seventh Mountain Resort. They enjoyed traveling to Hawaii, Palm Springs, Mexico, the beach and the cabin at Odell Lake. Most important to him was just relaxing and spending time with each other and their two dogs, Dutch and Odin. Together with Ty Barnett, Curt founded GoodLife Brewing Company in Bend in 2011. For the last six years, Curt was the Brewmaster, creating award-winning craft beer, seeing his vision for success come to fruition. Not only did he strive for absolute excellence, he created GoodLife to be more than a company; he created a culture of acceptance, of second-chances, relationships and family. He truly embodied the Good in GoodLife. Curt is survived by his wife Jennifer Plants of Bend, Oregon and their two beloved dogs Dutch and Odin; parents Rick and Jan Plants of Bend; brothers Mark (& Amy) Plants and Scott Plants of Bend, nieces and nephews Ethan, Elliot, & Corinne Plants of Bend; Grandmother Connie Plants of Hillsboro, Oregon; Grandfather Mel Olson of Philomath, Oregon; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Curt will always be loved and cherished by all who knew him. He will especially be remembered for the biggest bear-hugs, his contagious laugh, and his ability to make everyone around him feel at ease. Curt was a gifted guitarist, who had the innate ability to compose music easily and beautifully, and built his own guitar. He loved everything about music, appreciated the nuances of each genre, and loved sharing it with others. We will continue to hold dear the gifts he has given each of us, and the legacies he has left with those he loved: his unconditional love for his family and friends, his ability to make all around him feel like family, and the capacity to unite people from all walks of life. Arrangements have been entrusted to Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home, Bend. Please visit the online registry for Curt at [www.niswonger-reynolds.com](http://www.niswonger-reynolds.com).

# Tribute Wall



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**Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery** - May 18, 2023 at 02:30 PM

FO

“ *Curt Michael Plants*

**Funeral Home Owner** - August 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of this sad loss. He will be missed. To his family, I send hugs and hope that you find solice that he is watching on. Synpathies to you all.*

**Donna Kern** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AE

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Curt's death. My thoughts are with the entire family.*

**Ann Evensen** - May 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *To Curt's family. We are so sad to hear about the loss of Curt. He will be missed. Our prayers are with you all.*

**Dee and David Deatherage** - May 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Plants Family, we are saddened by the loss of Curt. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Mike, Kathy & Tom Cleavenger

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**Mike, Kathy & Tom Cleavenger** - May 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Dear Plants Family, Unfortunately I was out of town and unable to attend Curt's service and celebration of life, so I wanted to let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all! Having the pleasure of knowing Curt since his sophomore year, it was apparent that he was everything you would want as a player, son, brother or husband. The heartfelt pain that this community has felt with his sudden passing is a direct result of the tremendous young man that he was. I wanted to share two personal memories that I have of Curt. The first one occurred when I first began coaching at MV. As a new coach in a new town, Curt was one of the first players to really express his support to me, which I really cherished, one for being still new and unsure of myself, and secondly because Curt was a player who didn't get a lot of playing time and yet he went out of his way to support me. This unselfishness and kindness on his part was something that I will always remember! The other lasting memory that I will have of Curt is at Jeremy Milliron's wedding. Curt was doing the beer for the reception and this was some of his earliest public forays into the Craft Brew world. He was very excited that night to have us try his beer and it has been very special to watch his excitement and passion grow into what Goodlife has become. In hearing the emotions that were shared by his partner and coworkers, Curt has created a thriving business and his presence will always be felt moving forward! Again our thoughts are with you all and please know that Curt will live on through all of us who he has touched. Sincerely, Craig Reid and Family

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**Craig Reid** - May 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Sending our love to the whole Plants family. Curt touched our lives in so many ways and we are grateful to have known him. We will continue to honor his memory and legacy for the rest of our lives. Much love and big hugs to you all. We love you dearly.

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**The Similas** - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Love to all your family. I will be thinking and continuing to pray for all of you in the coming months.

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**Mary Paulson** - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Dear Plant Family, With deepest sorrow I write this to you. Please accept our kind and warm thoughts to surround you. The Pinnick Family

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**Caroline Pinnick** - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Plants Family, Thinking of all of you during this time. Curt impacted so many people, and will never be forgotten. God Bless all of you.

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**Laing Family** - May 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Rick, Jan, Mark, Scott, Jennifer and family, Our deep sympathies for your family. So hard to believe. We join you in celebrating Curt's life and join you in prayer. We will continue to share our memories of Curt and how much joy he brought to life. Will remember the big smiles and bear hugs.

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**The Warsaw Family** - May 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Rick, Jan and Family...please accept my sincere sorrow for the loss of your son, Curt. Know you are in my thoughts daily.

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**Suzanne Dixon** - May 07, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I am so sad! I know you all must be reeling. I had great times with curt as a student and then again working with him at mvhs. He had an easy laugh which he insisted on infecting others with. He helped keep me young and I grew to love him like a son. I admired his drive to be the best brew master ever. He talked about it all the time. I found out about this today. I have been driving by Good life and thinking about him, wondering how he was and if he still had my cd's. I will miss the very idea that he is not on my world any more. Jan and Rixk...I cant imagine your pain. Mark and Scott..I know you were all so close. You are in my prayers. Love to all of you.

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**Connie Seems** - May 06, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Thinking of you and your family. Curt will always be alive in the people he encountered and impacted. He was truly kind and special.

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**The Rosch family** - May 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM