



## David Bohning

June 13, 1949 - December 21, 2018

David Bohning made the leap to the next great adventure on December 21, 2018 the longest, brightest night of the year after a long battle with multiple myeloma. He is survived by his wife, LaVonne Bohning; his daughters, Holly Steele, Kate Henderson, and Clare Bohning; three grandchildren; his brother Greg Bohning; and his sister Susie Bohning. David was born in Santa Monica, California, on June 13, 1949. An avid surfer, naturalist, rock-climber, and sailor, David came to Redmond, Oregon, in 1968, where he became an exemplary Smoke jumper, built his home, married the love of his life, raised a family, and stayed with the U.S. Forest Service until he retired in 2014. His legacy is not defined by his ham radio hobby, black belt in tae kwon do, the stories he wrote, hang gliding, target shooting, the gadgets he built, or his achievements in the Army. David Bohnings legacy is that he was David Bohning. He was the guy who loved life and exuded wonder and curiosity. He fought for what was right and kept everyone afloat with his drive, kindness, and courage. He was the best husband, father, son, brother, and friend. He never gave up on life, and somewhere out there, hes wondering why we are reading this and not out doing something cool instead. Right now, David has pulled the cord on his parachute and is gliding onward to the next great adventure. Lets remember him by grabbing the gusto of every day. "Lunatic, or a wise man? The moment determines the way." - David Bohning, 1996 A private service will be held by his family. Donations in his honor can be made to The Smokejumper Bros (contact Marcel Potvin: 906- 399-7532 or 541- 447-

7698) and their scholarship foundation. NSA C/O Chuck Sheley 10 Judy Lane  
Chico, CA 95926

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

# Tribute Wall



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**Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery** - May 18, 2023 at 02:40 PM

FO

“ *David Bohning*

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

PF

“ *Dave was a light in this world. Dave always brought a smile, common sense and a love of life to the job and to those around him. He was such a blessing. We are all better because we knew him. Thank you for sharing him with us.*

**Peggy Fisher** - January 07, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *My condolences to all of Dave's family, loved ones, and friends. He was such a kind man and loving father, husband, and grandfather.*

**Amanda Kinhnarath** - January 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I was so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was such a kind and gentle man, I wish peace and strength for Lavonne and the rest of the family.

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**Shirley White** - January 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Chuck worked with Dave for many years and appreciated Dave and his work ethics. I had the opportunity to get to know him while working at the Air Center We send our condolences to the family.

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**Chuck and Marlene Brown** - January 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.

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**Jodi (Robeck) Bemrose** - January 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I knew Dave when I worked on The Sisters RD. He was always very kind and accommodating when it came to repairing issues on the compound.

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**Kathi Doyle** - January 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ Super nice guy to work with. So sorry for his passing.

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**Beckie Zimmerman** - January 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CW

“*Dave was a perfect example of a combination of the ultimate type A personality with a sense of adventure and a humble and kind heart. I witnessed what a devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend he was. He set an example for us all to love and live life each and every day. I pray for strength and peace for those that are feeling that loss of a good man.*”

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**Catherine White** - January 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

GB

“*He was more than just my brother, he was my close friend. We communicated by Ham radio & FaceTime on a weekly bases over the years. I will miss him greatly, Amen.*”

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**Greg Bohning** - January 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

BT

“*Jennifer and I extend our sincere condolences to LaVonne and Holly and the rest of the Bohning family.*”

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**Barry Tabel** - January 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM