



David "Dave" L. Dewey

July 20, 1939 - October 24, 2018

David L. Dewey, age 79, passed away Wednesday October 24th, 2018 at St. Charles Hospital in Bend, Oregon. Dave was born to Milton and Loretta Dewey July 20, 1939 in Mendota, Illinois. He grew up on the family farm where he spent his days working the corn fields with his father and helping his mother in the kitchen. During his high school years he found a passion for playing music and started The Dave Dewey Trio with his school mates. The band moved on but Dave continued to share his love for music with others, playing the piano during holidays and even occasionally pulling out the accordion. Dave attended Northern Illinois University where he received a degree in education and started a career at Del Monte while supporting his young family. In 1967 he transferred to Petaluma, California for Del Monte, later taking a job with Burroughs office systems as a salesman. After a few years in California he met, then married his wife Jo Ann Vicenus on June 11, 1971. In 1973 Dave was given the opportunity to relocate to Eugene, Oregon where he moved his new wife and family. In 1975 Dave and Jo Ann made the decision to move to Bend, Oregon where they bought Sullivan Glove Company. Once Dave moved to Bend and settled in to running the glove manufacturing business, he became very involved in the local community. He was a charter member of the Greater Bend Rotary Club where he received multiple Paul Harris Fellowships, served as a board member and continued to be an active member until his passing. With a degree in education and a passion for learning, Dave became a long time member of the Bend School

Board where he served as Chairman for many years. Always wanting to be involved in his community, he became active in the Community Theatre of the Cascades where he served as a board member and even tried out his acting skills as Bob Cratchit in the holiday classic, A Christmas Carol. When Dave was not busy with his business and in the community, he always made time for his crafts. He would spend the cold Bend nights working on stained glass, weaving pine needle baskets and occasionally doing a bit of knitting he learned from his mother back on the farm. Dave donated many of his crafts to local charity auctions and his pine needle baskets won him an opportunity to have his art displayed in the High Desert Museum. In 1999 Dave and Jo Ann sold and retired from Sullivan Glove. In the coming years he and Jo Ann enjoyed traveling the world by land and sea. In 2004 Dave started a long battle with a series of medical conditions. Through many medical setbacks, and with his wife by his side he continued to travel and embrace life. On October 24th he lost his battle and passed peacefully with Jo Ann, family members and friends close at hand. Dave is survived by his beloved wife and partner Jo Ann Vicenus Dewey and his brother Bruce Dewey of Indian Rocks Beach, FL. He is also survived by his sons Brian Dewey of Stickney, IL, Kevin Dewey of Bend, OR , Mark Dewey of Bend, OR and twins Jeff Dewey of Sterling, IL and Joel Dewey of Bloomington, IL, daughter Paige Dewey of Springfield, OR, his cherished step-daughter Andrea Proett of Eugene, OR and several grand children and great grand children. He will be missed by his many friends and his loving companion, Roxy. A public celebration of life will be held Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 11:00am at the First Presbyterian Church located at 230 NE 9th St. Bend, OR. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that contributions be made in Dave's honor to J Bar J Youth Services, 62895 Hamby Rd. Bend, OR 97701 or the Greater Bend Rotary Foundation, PO Box 1644 Bend, OR 97709. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home, Bend, OR.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

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Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - May 18, 2023 at 02:36 PM

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“ *David "Dave" L. Dewey*

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

CE

“ *Jo Ann, I am so sorry to hear of Dave's passing. I know he has been fighting health problems for a while, but he still seemed to live life on his terms. My warmest wishes to you and the family during this difficult time. Sincerely, Cindy Evans*

Cindy Evans - November 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Dave was such a driving force in the community of Bend. I knew him when he was on the school board years ago, and over the past many years through out Rotary Clubs. I considered him a good man with a good heart of everyone he came in touch with. He was a remarkable, caring man that made a difference for so many people. My heart goes out to you during this difficult time. Please know I am thinking of you all.*

Kathie Eckman - November 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *Wish we could be there to celebrate Dave's life with Jo Ann and family. He was so vibrant and loved people. I'll always remember his laugh and what a good friend he was for 49 years.*

Sherrie Nichols - October 31, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Jo Ann, my heart goes out to you and your family. Dave was a kind, gentle thoughtful person & good friend. He will be missed. If there is anything I can do to help you through this difficult time, please let me know. Barbwagner87@yahoo.com*

Barbara Wagner - October 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Thinking of you Joanne and your family. Dave was an amazing inspiration to all who knew him and he will be greatly missed. Praying for comfort and peace.*

Jim and Kitty Jensen - October 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Praying for God's comfort during this time. Know how much Dave meant to us and how great our love is for you and your family. Dave was a remarkable person and it's been an honor to have known him.*

Cheryl Harris - October 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *You're in our thoughts and prayers. Dave meant so much to this community.*

Don and Sharon Boller - October 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM