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Glen (Red) Delbert Martin, passed away at home, on February 14, 2023, surrounded by loving family.

Fondly known to friends and family as “Red,” Glen was born to Alva and Inez Borrowman, on October 15, 1945, in Fredericktown, Missouri. He graduated from Redmond High School in 1964 and worked a variety jobs early on, from Copeland Lumber in Redmond, OR to typewriter repair in Bend, OR. He worked for the City of Portland at the Water Maintenance Plant in the 1970s and 1980s and started Glen Martin Construction Company, as a general contractor and finish carpenter in Bend, in the late 80s.

Glen married Joan (Hix) Agee in 1964, and the couple had daughter, Dena, and son, Russ, together. In 1994, he remarried Jennifer Rolph and gladly assumed the role of stepfather to her three sons, Lonny, Joe, Doug. Glen is survived by his wife, Jennifer, who stood lovingly by his side until the end; his children, daughter Dena (Ty) Martin, Russell (Angie) Martin, Lonny Smith, Joseph Fettig, Douglas (Melody) Fettig, his sister, Carolyn (Bob) Bondy, 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Glen was preceded in death by his parents, brother Bobby Martin, and grandson Octavian Smith.

Glen was a lifelong learner who enjoyed sharing his knowledge and skills with others. He loved woodworking of all types, from building homes and furniture, to crafting shaker boxes. He was regularly picking up a new hobby or interest. Glen was an expert hunter and enjoyed fishing of all kinds. He loved sailing, and was a whitewater rafting enthusiast who took great pleasure in guiding friends and family down the rapids. He once took a week-long solo canoe trip down the Grand Ronde River, recording his adventures nightly on a cassette recorder along the way.

Anyone who knew Glen was familiar with his sense of humor. He once built a large canoe in an upstairs apartment and, when finished, lowered it to the street below from the window at night, just to leave his friends wondering how he had gotten it out of the apartment. That story lives on in the North Portland area.

His greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a caring and loving husband to his wife of nearly 30 years, Jennifer. Glen was beloved by his family and will be greatly missed.

Friends and family are invited to remember and celebrate Glen in a Celebration of Life on July 15, from 2-5 p.m. at Rockridge Park (20885 Egypt Dr.) in Bend.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 15. 2:00 PM.

Rockridge Park