



Kurt Otto Nichols

September 15, 1943 - January 26, 2023

Kurt Otto Nichols, 79, of Bend, OR, passed away on January 26th, 2023. Kurt was born on September 15th, 1943, to Jack S and Evalyn A Retelsdorf in Portland, OR.

After Kurt graduated from Benson Polytecnic High School in 1961, he went on to study Mechanical Engineering at Oregon State University, completing his Degree at Portland State University in 1971. Kurt began his Career working for Hyster Company and went on to work for other Companies such as A-DEC, Marus Dental International, finishing his Career at Cessna, retiring in 2009.

In 1962, Kurt married Patricia Nichols and went on to have their only child, Lisa Marie Nichols. They made their lives and homes in Oregon with the exception of a brief residence in Kewanee, IL between 1971–1973.

Kurt was an outdoor enthusiast; he and Pat spent much of their time hiking many Mountains in Central Oregon as well as National Parks with cousins from the South. He enjoyed boating, fishing, camping, skiing and snow shoeing. Kurt also had a love of music, beginning playing the Pedal Steel Guitar at the age of 9. He became well known for his guitar skills & played with many bands over the years, one of which was Bob Blum and The Branders in the '60's. He would spend many weekends performing in

Goldendale, WA as well as the Portland area.

Kurt is preceded in death by his parents, Jack S. Retelsdorf & Evalyn A Nichols, as well as his adoptive Stepfather, Roy M. Nichols, his sister Gretchen G. Daigle and Grandson, Michael David Logan. He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia A. Nichols; his daughter, Lisa M. Logan & her husband, Rodney A. Goodrich of Hillsboro, OR.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **24.** 2:00 PM (PT)

Elks Lodge
63120 Boyd Acres Rd
Bend, OR 97701