



Michael James Ward

January 13, 1945 - March 1, 2012

Mike was born in Oregon City, Oregon on January 13th, 1945, and soon moved with his family to Eugene. Mike relocated with his mother, sister and brother to Bend in 1952. While attending school in Bend he participated in many sports and excelled in cross county running, pole vaulting and wrestling. Mike returned to Eugene to finish high school, winning two back-to-back State championships in wrestling. Mike joined the Air Force in 1964 and travelled with the Air force wrestling team prior to focusing on a maintenance career. He served tours of duty in Turkey, Japan, Korea and Southeast Asia. When he returned home on leave he stayed with his sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ann and Bud Keown of Crescent. He always felt at home there with their children Kevin and Kellie. He remained in the Air Force until being seriously injured in Korea in 1986. After lengthy rehabilitation Mike returned to Bend, devoting the majority of his time to helping veterans. Mike was instrumental in helping many Veterans receive help from the VA. He was also a major force in organizing the Bend Veterans Day parade each year. Mike is survived by his wife Sun, daughter Su and husband Hasani Davenport and grandchildren Tai, Asa and Mia and Clay of Bend whom he loved very much; daughter Joan Ward and son Joe Ward of Cottage Grove who were always in his thoughts; sisters Mary Ann Keown of Bend, Roberta and husband Dale Curfman of Olympia, Jackie and husband Pete Peterson of Pendleton, Kathy Inman of Tacoma; brothers and their wives, Steve and Teresa of Lakeview, Charlie and Cathy of Eugene, Rick of Springfield, Tom and Micky of South Carolina;

stepmother Muriel Hilliard of Corvallis; nieces, nephews and cousins, all whom he loved, but too numerous to mention. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, 1503 NE Fourth St. Bend, Or. 97701.

Funeral Home:

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