



Phillip Lee DiMeco

September 5, 1947 - January 30, 2023

Phil Lee DiMeco, long-time Bend and Sunriver resident and mental health counselor, died peacefully on January 30, 2023. Phil was born in Visalia, CA on September 5, 1947 to Phil and Helen Marie Cowing DiMeco. A 1965 graduate of Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia, he went on to graduate from the College of the Sequoias, and earned his Master of Social Work in Psychology from Fresno State University. Upon graduating from Fresno State University, he and his future wife, Marian Grace Biscay, headed to the Pacific Northwest to hone their professional skills in mental health counseling. Phil and Marian married in 1985. They provided a formidable positive healing force in Portland and later in Sunriver where they lived for 25 years – building a successful private practice in Bend. They enjoyed living the outdoor life, connecting with and learning from Native elders, and working in the Bend area, but most of all they cherished the many friends and associates in their lives. They made a positive difference to so many people. His beloved Marian Grace preceded Phil in death in 2015. Phil spent his final years traveling: hiking a portion of the Camino de Santiago in Spain, visiting Italy and seeing where his father fought in World War II, camping in California with high school friends, and paying visits to his many godchildren throughout the Pacific Northwest. Phil is survived by his brother, Robert, his sister-in-law, three nieces, six grandnephews, and one grandniece. He is also survived by the many godchildren and close friends made throughout his life.

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“ *I miss my spirit brother every day and think of him often. We met in 1982 at a new children's mental health treatment center in Seattle and became fast friends in the turbulence and growing pains of the new program. My fondest memories are of sharing lunch with him at a nearby, spectacular overlook of Elliott Bay while we strategize how to strengthen the program in the midst of its growing pains. I miss you, brother.*

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