



William "Russ" Grady

October 11, 1947 - March 17, 2025

Russ died March 17, 2025, at St. Charles Hospital, Bend, Oregon. Russ found peace through the grace of God in Jesus Christ and grace has taken him to his eternal home.

William Russell Grady was born to Edward and Betty (Osborn) Grady on October 11, 1947 in Port Townsend, Washington. In addition to his parents, his family included two older brothers, Bruce and Jim, and Grandmother Verna Osborn.

His early years were spent in Port Townsend where he started school. In 1957 the family moved to St. Helens, Oregon. Russ got an early start in sports playing Little League baseball, then added basketball, football and bowling. He was a very good musician, participating in regular school band, as well as symphony and jazz bands. He formed the Road Runners band that played at local dance venues.

After high school graduation, Russ attended Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington.

On June 17, 1967, he married his high school sweetheart, Janice Harrison, at Plymouth Presbyterian Church in St. Helens. They established their first home and welcomed daughter Margaret while living in San Diego, California. He earned his Bachelor's degree from San Diego State University and began Master's coursework. Russ acquired his real estate broker license and began his real estate career.

The family moved to Bend in 1979 where Russ continued his real estate

career.

Russ valued family. Almost every holiday and special occasion were spent with extended family, often at his parents home in St. Helens. He had a tremendous sense of humor and an infectious smile. He excelled in a wide range of endeavors, succeeding in practically everything he set his mind to. Russ is survived by his brother Jim, wife Janice, daughter Margaret (Kevin) Collier, grandchildren Casey and Kyla and numerous nieces and nephews. Viewing will be 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., April 1st, at Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home, 105 NW Irving Ave., Bend, OR.

A graveside service will be held at Pilot Butte Cemetery, April 2nd at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to the organization of your choice.

Arrangements handled by Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home, 105 NW Irving Ave., Bend OR 97703

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 2:30 AM - 4:30 PM (PT)

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home
105 NW Irving Ave.
Bend, OR 97703
(541) 382-2471
<http://www.Niswonger-Reynolds.com>

Graveside Service

APR 2. 1:00 PM.

Pilot Butte Cemetery
Bend, OR

Tribute Wall

MC

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Margaret Grady Collier - April 15, 2025 at 09:25 AM

KC

“ My Grandpa was one who really knew how to have fun. I have so many memories of him bringing the extended family together to do things like zipline and raft in scenic areas, set off fire crackers on the Fourth of July, and explore new places, all while being goofy even when typical social norms urged us not to be. He loved getting everyone together for dinner, and made sure that the festivities included dessert! He was also a man of faith and ensured we gave thanks to God before every family meal. All in all, he knew how to live life to the fullest and taught me to not take life too seriously. Thank you Grandpa for all the memories and fun you have instilled in us to pass on for years to come!

Kyla Collier - April 02, 2025 at 09:24 PM

KC

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Kyla Collier - April 02, 2025 at 06:49 PM

KC

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Kyla Collier - March 31, 2025 at 12:19 PM

LD

“ *Larry Dunn purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William "Russ" Grady.*



Larry Dunn - March 28, 2025 at 10:24 AM

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Casey Collier - March 27, 2025 at 08:56 PM

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Casey Collier - March 27, 2025 at 08:55 PM

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Casey Collier - March 27, 2025 at 08:54 PM

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Margaret Grady Collier - March 27, 2025 at 08:52 PM



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Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - March 27, 2025 at
04:06 PM

MC

“ My Dad and I spent a lot of time together when I was growing up. He taught me to be independent and cautious with lessons on walking to kindergarten and riding alone on the city bus to swimming class.

Since Dad was such a good athlete- playing varsity in baseball, football , and basketball, he couldn't keep himself from introducing me to sports. He even volunteered as my middle school basketball coach!

Dad was pretty funny and could make jokes out of most situations (sometimes not appreciated by those in the situation), but if you really knew him you didn't get offended. He loved The Far Side comic strips that were in the paper each day, which explains the type of humor he often had.

As I got older I received lessons on how to drive and how to change the oil and sparkplugs in cars. I learned how to properly wash cars too, with a lot of "re-dos" on his vehicle-I did get paid once the job was done to his expectations which is probably where I got my work ethic.

Birthdays, anniversaries, vacations, family dinners, and holidays were important to my Dad. He often arranged trips for the extended family to places like Belknap Springs, Seattle, and many beach towns in Oregon. He also picked up the bill on these trips which made it so much nicer for us.

Thanks Dad for all you taught me and for all the good times!

Margaret Grady Collier

Margaret Collier - March 25, 2025 at 04:47 PM

MC

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Margaret Grady Collier - March 25, 2025 at 03:50 PM

DG

“ *My uncle Russ was a man of many interests. When he sunk his teeth into something new, his enthusiasm was infectious. One of my favorite memories of my uncle was him handing me a guitar and teaching me the chords to a Stevie Ray Vaughan song. I had never touched an electric guitar before, but it was clear I had no choice in the matter. In 10 minutes we were playing “Look at Little Sister“ with me on guitar and uncle Russ on the drums. He had a way of creating unique moments and I will always love him for that.*

Darren Grady - March 25, 2025 at 03:18 PM



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Niswonger Reynolds Funeral Home & Greenwood Cemetery - March 25, 2025 at 02:04 PM