



Bradford Chaney Teel

October 3, 1950 - August 1, 2015

Brad, age 64, left this life the evening of Aug. 1. Brad had been playing tennis with friends the evening of July 28 (and most likely winning due to a known strong forehand) when he suffered complications from a head injury, an event that proved too large for him to recover from. When he passed he was surrounded by his loving family and many great friends, and we are sure, too, by His Maker, who was surely preparing Brad's travel arrangements for his next great adventure.

Brad was born in Hillsboro, but grew up in Corvallis after his family moved there in 1956 when his father, Harry, began working with the engineering firm of CH2M. Brad attended Washington Elementary School, Highland View Junior High School, Corvallis High School and Oregon State University. He went on to create a family, and a business there: he loved the Corvallis community.

During Brad's early years in the travel industry he met the love of his life, Alicia Javier, while both were working in San Francisco. There they created a lifelong love spark that never diminished. They married July 4, 1975 (true patriots), and in the ensuing years had three wonderful children, Celeste, Travis and Nicole, and subsequently five adorable grandchildren who added immeasurably to their love, pride and enjoyment of family.

After Brad and Alica opened Teel's Travel Planners in 1984, the business thrived and grew and met the many challenges that were presented to the changing travel industry, a testament to the high standards, hard work, care and enthusiasm Brad and Alicia gave to their enterprise and the people they worked with. Brad cared, and that showed on a daily basis, with every interaction and effort he made.

Brad grew up enjoying fly fishing with his father and brother Brett; this became one of his life's major outlets for both adventure and relaxation. He loved fishing the eastern streams, rivers and lakes of the Cascades and Central Oregon, and traveled to Patagonia, New Zealand, Montana and Alaska to fish with both friends and family. He also greatly enjoyed upland game bird hunting with the enduring companionship of Sadie, his springer spaniel.

He and Sadie often drove deep into Eastern Oregon to meet other hunting companions, seeking the grandness and openness of the vast country around Juntura and Jordan Valley for their mutually shared sport.

As an avid traveler Brad voyaged to six of the seven continents, missing only Antarctica, where, with more time, he would have adventured as well. It was adventure travel that he found the most exhilarating and his excitement was contagious. From running with the bulls in Pamplona as a young man, to exploring the islands of the Pacific, and extremely diverse places like Alaska and Dubai, he always returned with a sparkle in his eye and wondrous stories to tell. His most recent adventure took him to South Africa and came back so moved he was quoted as saying, "If, in your lifetime, you can only travel to two continents, it must be: Africa and Africa!" He was so moved by the animals, in their environment, the people and the history that he immediately began planning trips there for many of the people who loved traveling with him.

Brad had a strong sense that one should be involved in their community, and during his life and career he presided over several organizations for two terms or more including Kiwanis Club, Timberhill Tennis Club, Mackenzie Masters and Riverside Travel Group.

He also greatly enjoyed his involvements with the Rotary International Exchange Program, Odyssey of the Mind, The Beaver Club, Oregon State University's Athletics Department, Fly Fisher's Place in Sisters, the Elks Club of Corvallis, the Lions Club of Corvallis, Corvallis Chamber of Commerce, Corvallis Bureau and Corvallis' Sister City Program with Uzhhorod, Ukraine, and Gondar, Ethiopia. He was often recognized with appreciation and awards for his leadership, service, ability as an organizer and his philanthropy.

Brad was a one-off. He was warm, welcoming, generous, compassionate, competitive and kind. His quick and terrific sense of humor, booming laugh and gentle heart, will all be deeply missed by his family and by the many fine friends he made and those he had the pleasure to work with. To laugh with him was to be loved, to speak with him was to be heard, and to have known him was to have a friend.

Brad is survived by his wife, Alicia Teel of Corvallis; daughter Celeste Teel, partner Jonny Walker of Portland and their daughter, Maia; son Travis Teel of Oakland, California, and his daughter, Kaya; daughter Nicole Sageman, husband Jarith and daughters Jaden, Chloe and Kiera of Corvallis; mother Delores Teel of Redmond; brother Bruce Teel and wife JoAnne Dunec of Berkeley, California; sister Susan Simes, husband David of Vancouver, Washington, and their children Jason Simes and wife Heather and their daughter Isabella of Glenburn, North Dakota; son Andrew Simes of New York City, New

York; and daughter Kylie Robinson and her son, Cole of Vancouver, Washington; brother Brett Teel of Camas, Washington; and sister Shelley Teel of Tualatin, and her son, Brian Setniker of Tigard; and springer spaniel Sadie, age 11.

Join us for a celebration of his life at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 501 N.W. 25th St., Corvallis. A reception at the church will follow the celebration.

Contributions in Brad's memory may be made to The Corvallis Kiwanis Foundation sent in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Comments



“ I will always remember Brad. When he first came to work in the travel business in Corvallis, I was employed as an executive secretary to a busy, well traveled domestic and international executive. In those days, with no computers, we relied on the OAG. When I first started working with Brad, I was much quicker with the book than Brad. I would suggest the page number. He quickly mastered the book and far exceeded my expertise. He was smart and always gracious and kind. We spoke occasionally over the years. He was a wonderful person. Positive thoughts and sympathy to his family.

Hazel - September 19, 2015 at 03:52 PM



“ And thank you all from his brother. Your heartfelt thoughts are appreciated by the entire Teel clan. Brad left this world better off than he found it when he was born. No if's, and's or but's about that.

Brett Teel - September 03, 2015 at 01:36 AM



“ We were deeply saddened to hear of Brad's passing. Brad was a truly amazing man. We worked together in the Travel Industry for 16 years and he was a true friend. Our family has so many wonderful memories of Brad that will never be forgotten. His true love was Alicia, their children and the grandkids - every time he talked about them he smiled and was so proud! He was so funny and had so many stories to share throughout the years and would do anything for you. He was one of the most generous and giving people we have ever known. Our thoughts, hugs and prayers are with Alisha and their family and Brad will be truly missed.

In Friendship and Sorrow,

Carl, Cami, Kevin & Kristi Pollack

Carl, Cami, Kevin & Kristi Pollack - August 21, 2015 at 12:26 AM



“ Brad was very, very personal. He always took time to talk and was very interested in the work of God overseas. He had a tremendous servant's heart. And it wasn't just because you were doing business. You could tell that it was his gifting and simply who he was. He loved his work and carried it out with a great smile. Our deepest condolences, and prayers to Brad's family and friends from all of us at Worldwide Outreach. Take comfort that Brad has reached the greatest destination a world class travel agent could ever find.

Derick Smith
President, Worldwide Outreach

Derick Smith - August 18, 2015 at 03:18 PM



“ So very sorry for the loss of Brad Teel. Heaven is a happier place with him there. Thank you Brad for all the wonderful travel plans you helped make for me and my family. You were always the best at what you did. Condolences to Alicia and family. My prayers will be with you.
Linda Bianchi

LINDA BIANCHI - August 18, 2015 at 01:27 PM



“ I'm so very saddened to hear this news. I had the pleasure of working with Brad when Teel's Travel Planners became a contracted travel agency for OSU in 1996. Brad was one of the best people I've ever had the pleasure of doing business with. I so very much appreciated that in his business dealings Brad was always incredibly fair and truly cared about people. I always enjoyed talking fly fishing with Brad and will always remember him as a really, really nice guy. My heartfelt condolences go to Alicia and family. Tight lines Brad! - Jan Pierce Duringer

Janice S Duringer - August 14, 2015 at 08:32 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of Brad's passing. He was a good friend, excellent travel agent, and great outdoors man. I enjoyed talking hunting and fishing with him. He was always helpful with my travel questions. Will miss him greatly. Condolences to Alicia and family.

Tim Willis

Tim Willis - August 10, 2015 at 03:50 PM



“ Had the pleasure of knowing him and his family for many years with our children's sports events, OSU events, and then on the Board with him at Timberhill Tennis Club. Great person who would do anything for you. I have been setting up meals for his family and have heard many stories of his generosity and friendship. His family is hanging in there but are suffering from their loss. Blessings and prayers to all of the Teel family.

DONNA KEIM - August 09, 2015 at 06:17 PM



“ Knowing Brad for about 25 years was enjoyable. I'm a retired CH2M employe and of course thats how I first meet Brad. Work related but also helping me with personal travels. He all ways got the best flight for me. Two months ago I wanted a good flight to NJ.. Kind of a last min travel plan. He came up with the best schedule & at a great cost. But most important was our conversations about. Past MEMORIES of CH2M in the 70's & 80's .Brad was a great person and will be greatly missed. My prayers & and thoughts are with his family & many friends at this time.

Psalms 147:3. He (LORD) healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. (griefs) KJV.

SHIRLEY FISHER

Corvallis,Or.



Shirley Fisher - August 07, 2015 at 02:25 AM



“ Linda La Fleur



Linda La Fleur - August 07, 2015 at 12:38 AM



“ I was saddened to hear about Brad's untimely death. I'm also disappointed I'll be out of the country and will miss the service. A warm hug to Alicia...

John Tappon - August 07, 2015 at 12:29 AM



“ I will miss you so much Brad. Thank you for all the great tennis and the laughs. I'm so glad I got to be a part of your life. You will never be forgotten. Alicia and family, I'm so sorry for your loss.
Becky Correll

Becky Correl - August 06, 2015 at 08:35 PM



“ I am shocked to learn that Brad had passed away unexpectedly. My deepest condolence to you Alicia, and your family.

Val Miranda

Val Miranda - August 13, 2015 at 11:53 AM



“ I just got word via the athletic department of Brad's passing. I am so sorry to hear this, when i first got to OSU we did all of our travel through Brad and he was amazing and always available, and such a great person. I am passing on my respectful wishes to his family and so many close friends. A very special person!!

Kelly Sullivan
TF and XC coach OSU

Kelly Sullivan - August 06, 2015 at 07:47 PM



“ The gift of having met Brad can never be taken away from those of us who had the privilege of sharing a laughter with him. With no reason to laugh at this time, my thoughts go out to Alicia and the entire Teel family in this difficult moment of loss.

Sebastian de Assis

Sebastian de Assis - August 06, 2015 at 06:46 PM



“ we are so sorry to hear about your loss Alicia. Our thoughts and prayers for you and the rest of the family.

Bryce & Cindy Huddleston



Cindy - August 06, 2015 at 05:35 PM



“ Brad, what a competitor both on and off the court. I enjoyed playing against him and what a team mate he was in league. I wish to express my heart-felt condolences to Brad's family and especially to Alicia. Brad was truly a good man and we all are going to miss him very very much. Bob Rice

Bob Rice - August 06, 2015 at 01:54 PM



“ Brad will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and his coworkers. I have known Brad for over 25 years and he always provided great customer service with a smile. He was one of the "cruise" masters and back in the day, used to deliver our travel tickets/itineraries to our office with the a smile and cheerful attitude.



Stephanie Smith - August 06, 2015 at 12:26 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Brad was a wonderful person, gone too soon.



Linda Jensen - August 06, 2015 at 12:24 PM



“ I only had the privilege of working with Brad once, just a few months ago when I was trying to do something complicated and visit Abu Dhabi on the way back from Belgium. A lot of people tried to tell me why that was a questionably stupid place to want to visit, but Brad, just back from that part of the world, had an unquellable and contagious excitement about it. He gave me help me way beyond what I've ever received. I carried out just about everything he suggested, and felt his guidance throughout a most memorable trip. I felt that he was an incredibly special person who seemed to be at the top of his game in the world (literally) of travel. I can only imagine how he has affected the world view of Corvallis and beyond. I would also offer my condolences to his family and friends.

Barb Lachenbruch - August 06, 2015 at 12:22 PM



“ We will miss our small talks at the club Brad but we all know you're in a better place now. Rest in peace partner. Deepest symphaties to the Teel family... Mico, Sawling and Joseph Santiago.

Otep Santi - August 06, 2015 at 11:36 AM



“ Brad, I can only echo what everyone has already said about you. You are one of the very good ones. What I've especially appreciated about you is your warm, fun loving, welcoming, and gentle spirit, your sense of humor (whether doling it out or your quick repartees), and your dedication to whatever you take on. No one at the tennis club can unleash that hard, low, flat forehand like yours and then grin about the result without rubbing it in. I wish we had many more upcoming battles on the courts. You leave behind many wonderful memories and lessons in living. Your friend, Michael Fortune

Michael Fortune - August 06, 2015 at 08:50 AM



“ I booked my first flight with Brad in the 80s and he has been my main travel agent for at least 100 journeys. He always worked hard and treat my colleagues and me with the utmost respect. As a businessman he was always fair and stood behind his work willing to do whatever was required to iron out wrinkles. We enjoyed many a deep conversation about travel, art, living, dying and faith. I will really miss him.

Charles Kelley - August 06, 2015 at 12:22 AM



“ Brad was a kind man who always had an encouraging word to say. He was also willing to deal with complicated flight needs for Bridge Builders International as we built many ministry bridges to the country of Latvia AND he did it with his wonderful ear to ear smile. I will miss him greatly as will many other friends of our ministry.

Naomi Strauser - August 06, 2015 at 11:21 PM



“ Brad strong positive influence touched everyone. He is a shining example of what is right and we are proud to call him a friend. Brad has set a high example of how to live your life and we were very sad to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Alicia and family. We were all very lucky to be part of his life. We wish we could be there at the memorial service!
Gary and Carol Quandt

Gary & Carol Quandt - August 05, 2015 at 08:26 PM



“ Brad personified everything that is good about our tennis club. Indeed, he was a good person through and through. It was a privilege to know him and count him as a friend. My deepest sympathy to you, Alicia, and your family.
Corinne Greve

Corinne Greve - August 05, 2015 at 02:02 PM



“ Judy Sessions lit a candle in memory of Bradford Chaney Teel



Judy Sessions - August 04, 2015 at 10:37 PM



“ I will miss Brad and the interesting conversations we had during our trip planning. It was great to talk with someone who loved to travel as much as I do.

Judy Sessions - August 04, 2015 at 10:43 PM



“ Earl and I have such fond and fun memories of our trip to Switzerland. Also great tennis memories. We are so sorry to hear of his death. cherrill and earl boissonou

cherrill boissonou - August 04, 2015 at 08:48 PM



“ I knew Brad all through High School and was so shocked to hear of his passing. A friend and I consulted with Brad, through his travel agency, planning our trip to Eastern Europe a couple of years ago and it was wonderful reconnecting and talking of old times. I was most impressed with Brad for his accomplishments not only with his travel business but with all his donated time for his community, church, family and his fantastic travels. He was a very happy man and it was a pleasure seeing that smile and friendly greeting every time we walked into his office. The Corvallis community and those who knew him around the world will truly miss this wonderful man. Thoughts and prayers for his family and friends. Kathy Herdt-Bergevin

kathy herdt-bergevin - August 04, 2015 at 08:03 PM



“ I felt such sadness when I read of Brad's passing this morning. Oh no, not Brad! I've known Brad for a long time, but our paths didn't cross very often. When that delightful occasion did occur, he greeted me with a warm smile, a joyful hello, and a hug. It was always wonderful to see him. He was such a warm, caring, charming person, so interesting and so thoughtful. As busy as he was, he could always find time to stop for a chat, help me with a travel problem, or inquire about the family. My heart goes out to Alicia. She and Brad were such a beautiful couple! Such a devastating loss for her, as well as for Celeste, Nicole and Travis. You will all be in my thoughts. I hope that you will find the strength to endure the sadness and loss through all the wonderful memories you shared, and through the love and the comfort of friends.

Pat Barlow

Pat Barlow - August 04, 2015 at 07:05 PM



“ Sandy lit a candle in memory of Bradford Chaney Teel



Sandy - August 04, 2015 at 06:36 PM



“ Only met him at our Puerto Vallarta Fam trip - but he was pleasure to know. Thoughts and prayers to the family

Sandy - August 04, 2015 at 06:39 PM



“ I was so very sorry to read of Brad's passing! He was a kind, gentle man with a ready smile and I will miss seeing him about town.
Tracy Byers

Tracy Byers - August 04, 2015 at 04:45 PM



“ I worked for Brad several years ago and it all started with hearing his voice on the radio commercials for Teel's Travel Planners. Brad was the one who believed in me and gave me an opportunity to work for him after I had finished travel school. I loved working for him, he was always very friendly, kind, had a great smile and willing to help you better yourself. To this day, I had still kept in touch with Brad, just stopping by to say hello and he was always happy to visit and even thanked me for always staying in touch. It wasn't that long ago that I recently stopped by to visit and we had a good conversation and I never thought it would be our last. I am very sad that he is gone and I will miss him tremendously. Our thoughts will be with him and his family.
(The Dailey's)

Marcy Dailey - August 04, 2015 at 03:45 PM



“ Alicia, I am so saddened by this news. Brad and I grew up knowing each other, because our fathers worked together. He helped me catch my first (and only) fish at Camp Sherman. And, of course, we worked side by side in Touring at CSAA, where he first became aware of you as you and Norma would arrive for work each day. I still have one of the "Bay Birds by Teel" that he made way back when, which I mentioned to him when we spoke at this year's OSU vendor fair.
I'll be keeping you and your family in my thoughts. ~Janet Phillips McKensey

Janet Phillips McKensey - August 04, 2015 at 03:27 PM



“ Brad Teel was much like the sporting dogs he so admired; always smiling, loyal, devoted to friends and customers and would drop whatever he was doing to greet you. He was one of the most interesting and kindest people you could ever meet who really cared about people and the work he did for them. We will miss him so very much and send our condolences to his family.
Sue and Nick Pisas

Sue Pisas - August 04, 2015 at 02:53 PM



“ We are saddened to hear of Brad's passing. He made all of our OSU trips so much fun and we know how much work he put into them. You will be missed Brad but never forgotten.....
Dick, Karen, Emily, Alex and Ashley Oldfield

karen oldfield - August 04, 2015 at 02:15 PM



“ Brad Teel never failed to serve his clients with a smile and complete attention to their needs. He was there when you requested information. His employees also shared his dedication and courtesy. The office provided thorough service and follow up. I am sure this followed from Brad's example, inspiration and kindness. Thank you to Brad, Thank you to his employees. We share your loss...

James M Nusrala - August 04, 2015 at 12:26 PM



“ Brad was a great friend and excellent resource for me both professionally and personally... We lost a very special person.

Sandy Sandago - August 04, 2015 at 12:00 PM



“ Brad always had a smile and was never too busy to pause what he was doing and just say "hello." His quick wit, smile, and kind words were always infectious. As one of the true shining lights of Corvallis, he will be sadly missed. Our prayers go to the family. (Robert White)

Robert White - August 03, 2015 at 10:36 PM



“ Brad was a great neighbor and friend you will be in our hearts forever Steve and Connie Hills

Connie Hills - August 03, 2015 at 08:52 PM



“ We moved to Corvallis 15 years ago, and as good luck would have it, next door to the Teel family. Brad's warm welcome made our transition to Corvallis very pleasant. We will miss his great sense of humor, neighborly kindness, and his generous friendship. We are fortunate to have Alicia as our neighbor and we will keep Brad in our hearts. Condolences from Diane and Steve Bateman, and Kate Bateman and Ben Hammond.

Diane Bateman - August 04, 2015 at 05:13 PM



“ Jan Marino lit a candle in memory of Bradford Chaney Teel



Jan Marino - August 03, 2015 at 08:03 PM



“ Jan Marino is following this tribute.

Jan Marino - August 03, 2015 at 08:01 PM



“ Jan Marino - Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Bradford Chaney Teel



Jan Marino - Zimmerman - August 03, 2015 at 07:23 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your families loss. Mr. Teel was such a kind giving man. I will forever remember his great smile.

Tabitha Compton - August 03, 2015 at 05:54 PM