



Brian L. Bonney

January 16, 1948 - March 25, 2018

Brian Bonney lived at Mumford House, a group home with Home Life, for 36 years. He enjoyed working as part of the landscaping crew for Cornerstone Associates and was very active in Special Olympics. At Mumford, he built strong relationships, including ones that date back to his own childhood, as with Sue W, whose family had play dates on a regular basis. Brian's mother, Thelma Bonney and Martha Mumford started educating kids in their own homes and pushed for Corvallis to allow DD children into public schools in 1968. Brian attended public schools with many of his friends who later became house mates. Bonney Center, named after Brian's mother, was started at home to provide activities for the I / DD community. Later, it was renamed Bonney Work Activity Center and transformed into Bonney Enterprises until it merged with Open Door to become Cornerstone Associates.

Brian was a fan of OSU's different sports teams from basketball to football. He enjoyed watching the games and was part of the landscaping crew through Cornerstone Associates, which took care of Reser Stadium, something he really enjoyed being part of. Brian was a Special Olympics athlete, participating in track and field in the spring and bowling in the fall. During these events he won several medals and encouraged his good friend Jeff W when he was participating.

Brian's as close relationship with Jeff W has stood the test of time. They were an inseparable duo enjoying comic conventions, numerous movie outings and just relaxing around the house with squirt guns, which they targeted many Mumford staff. Brian had a gentle soul and a deep wisdom towards life. He passed on many lessons to those who knew him such as eat slow, enjoy every moment and if you don't like the answer, wait until someone else comes along who might give you a better answer. His easy going nature will be missed in this modern "hurry up and get things done" age.

Any memorial donations in Brian's name can be made out to Home Life Inc.

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