



## Kenneth Allen Real

February 8, 1962 - April 28, 2017

Kenneth Allen Real, 55, of Adair Village Oregon died on April 28th. Ken was born to James and Elanore Real in Butte, Montana on February 8, 1962. He was able to escape a difficult childhood by enlisting in the US Army in 1980. He served our country as a cavalry scout driving tanks and as an arms control inspector with the On Site Inspection Agency (OSIA). During his 20-year career he was awarded numerous meritorious awards and medals including the Bronze Star and the Order of Saint George.

Ken served a majority of his career overseas in Germany. During the last 4 years of his service, he met and married Nicole Muller. They were married on May 29, 1999. Ken retired from the Army in 2000 with the rank Sergeant First Class. Upon his retirement they moved back to Nicole's hometown Corvallis, Oregon. After his retirement, Ken worked as a police officer, first for the Siletz Tribe, then in Toledo and finally in Newport. During his 13 years in law enforcement, Ken received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Colorado Technical University. He left law enforcement in 2013 in order to spend more time with his family. Most recently Ken worked part time for the City of Adair Village as a Code Enforcement Officer. He also taught survival training courses including knife skills, fire starting and tracking.

Ken dedicated his life to Native Americans, specifically the Lakota. He spent endless hours teaching others about the struggles of the indigenous people and fighting for their rights. It was important for him to bring awareness to the challenges of Indian life. He will be missed as a mentor, education and friend of the Indian people.

To know Ken, was to know a true force of nature. You knew when Ken walked into a room. His blunt, tell-it-like-it-is personality was off putting to some but was what drew others to him. His wife often joked that Ken "came with a warning". He enjoyed making people laugh and was a great story teller. Ken loved a good argument and he had a great deal of passion. He was always the first person that would step up to help others.

Ken loved to travel, spend time outdoors, and spend time with his daughter Meghan. Ken

was most proud of his three older children from his first marriage: Kevin, Stephanie and Melanie.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father. Ken is survived by his wife of 18 years Nicole, son Kevin, and daughters Stephanie, Melanie, Meghan and granddaughter Emilia.

A celebration of his life will take place on Saturday, May 13th from 1-5 pm at the Avery Park Lion's Shelter.

# Events

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**MAY**   **Celebration of Life**   01:00PM - 05:00PM

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Avery Park Lion's Shelter

1396 SW Avery Park Rd, Corvallis, OR, US, 97333

# Comments

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“ At the lowest point in my entire life my friend, Nicole, my awesome LSP! , with her unconditional love and support of me called and made me laugh, something I thought impossible then and I don't know if I ever shared with her how much that phone call meant to me. After that call she rallied Ken and he called me that night and gave me a tough rundown of my options and he encouraged me I could do it. Only a good hearted, caring and kind husband would so readily do for his wife. For the sake of my beautiful daughter I will always be eternally grateful and blessed for the life of Ken Real in this world and his kindness to me. All my love and prayers go out to you, Nicole and your beautiful daughter, Megahn. My wonderful and forever friend, Margaret and Amelia

Margaret Cole - May 23, 2017 at 11:44 AM

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“ Valerie White lit a candle in memory of Kenneth Allen Real



Valerie White - May 13, 2017 at 12:39 PM

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“ To Ken's Family,  
I remember reading many of Ken's Letters to the Editor with curiosity, and an article in the newspaper about him. Finally, about a year ago I met him at a SURJ workshop. He truly was a force of nature, and his smile was infectious. He was a great storyteller. I will cherish the event at the Corvallis Multicultural Center when Joan and Dan were leaving to protest the Dakota pipeline-he not only smudged them, but all of us there to see them off. His stories will live on in our memories. There are a great many of us who are heartbroken to hear the news of his passing. If there is some way I can be of assistance at this time, please let me know.  
Valerie White  
valeriejwhite@comcast.net

Valerie White - May 13, 2017 at 12:38 PM

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“ Dear Nicole and family,  
We are heartbroken to learn of Ken's death. He was such a good man who valued truth above anything else. Ken will be greatly missed.  
Nicole, we regret that we will be in Spokane on May 13 at a granddaughter's graduation from Gonzaga University, so must miss Ken's celebration of life. If we can contribute to this event or help you and the family in any way, please let us know. e-mail: jnelsgen@gmail.com. Please know that Ken left many friends behind. Gone but not forgotten!!  
Charles and Jean Nelson

Charles & Jean Nelson - May 07, 2017 at 06:31 PM

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“ To Nicole and Meghan, my deepest condolences for your loss. For all of our loss. Ken was a kind, funny, helpful, and friendly guy who was all in in everything he did. I have so many memories of him helping to clean up the gym after an event; making fire with students at science night and encouraging them as little wisps of smoke came from their vigorous rubbing; composting with kids in the cafeteria and chatting amiably with everyone with whom he encountered. He wore a smile on his face and shared it with everyone around him. My most vivid memories of him are the passion he displayed regarding inclusion at the curriculum level and the perspective he brought from his experiences. I will always carry that with me. Ken made an impact on everyone around him. He will be missed, and he will be remembered. Much love to you both. -Laura Peterson

Laura Peterson - May 07, 2017 at 04:31 PM



“ What a remarkable spirit was Ken and how lucky we were to have known him. He was larger than life and he filled a room with his passion, his sincerity, and his quirky charisma. We knew him in Corvallis and later on in Newport. Although we rarely saw one another, we felt strongly connected with him. We are so sorry for the loss to his family and friends. It was an honor and a joy to know him. May his spirit find comfort. Pat and Irma Canan

Pat and Irma Canan - May 13, 2017 at 01:13 AM