



Robert Mahr

June 8, 1955 - January 14, 2016

Bob (aka "Pickle") passed away at his home in Corvallis on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016, with family at his side. He was 60.

Some knew him as Bob; longtime friends called him Pickle; his family called him Bobby. Bob was born in Corvallis, the youngest of four children born to Robert R. Mahr and Agnes I. Burington Mahr. He was raised in Corvallis and attended Corvallis schools. He married Deborah Toney Davis Albin in 1990.

Many remember him for his many years racing flat track motorcycles with Benton-Lane Flat Track Sidewinders. He was a great competitor and could boast many wins and a room full of trophies.

He worked many years for Fred's Honda as a motorcycle mechanic becoming well respected for his talent as a mechanic.

Bob also was a resident volunteer fire fighter for Corvallis, where he worked on restoring the antique fire engine, Engine 1, and drove it in many parades. It is now on display at the downtown fire station where his Engine 1 Fire chief fire hat has come to rest with the engine.

Bob and Debby owned and operated Power Tool Service on Sixth Street until its closure in September of 2012. Many will remember him from there as the grumpy guy behind the counter, but he was recognized as the guy who could fix anything. Many customers would comment to him "what would we do without you."

Bob worked one season as a small engine mechanic for Holiday Tree Farms before taking a position at Coast Farm and Ranch Supply in Albany as a small engine mechanic in April of 2013 where he worked until his health began to fail in April of 2015.

Bob was preceded in death by both his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Toney Davis Albin of Corvallis; stepchildren Toney Albin of Lake Stevens, Washington, and Steven M. Albin of Corvallis; grandchildren Deborah Marie Albin and Cassidy Albin of Corvallis, and Brandon Albin of Alsea; brothers Eddy (Carol) Mahr of Albany and Rodney (Joyce) Mahr of Sweet Home; and sister Linda (Milt) Cheever of Albany.

Bob was cared for in his time of sickness at home by his wife where he completed his last lap and crossed the finish line peacefully and without pain, with his family in the bleachers.

There will be a celebration of life in his honor held at a later date.

Comments



“ I went to junior high school in Corvallis with Pickle. My family moved to Ohio and then to Hawaii in 1972. I went to Corvallis in 1973 to find some old friends and within a week, Pickle found me. He was kind, warm, generous, loyal, protective and had a soft and gentle personality. My year in Corvallis before I went back to Hawaii was spent mostly hanging out with him. He was one of the nicest guys that I have ever met. I also knew his brothers Rodney and Eddy. Tonight is 12/8/2016 and I was thinking of Pickle and decided to google his name. I came across this obituary. I am relieved that he had a loyal wife and was respected by others. I am relieved that she was by his side as he moved on. Gosh, he was one of the most important people of my teen years. I adored him. I loved him because he was so irresistible in his genuineness and his loving ways. Fondly forever, Honey Ann Friend Holden (McCord Schimmefennig Charles)

Honey Charles - December 09, 2016 at 04:00 AM



“ Loved every Saturday hanging out at Fred's while growing up . My dad worked there and I got to come to work with him and hangout with Pickle in the shop. He taught me so much. RIP buddy

Mike Oglesbee - January 27, 2016 at 07:49 PM