



Beau Vencill

December 13, 1945 - June 20, 2009

On June 20, Beau peacefully passed away after a long battle with injuries sustained last year in a car accident.

He was born in Grants Pass to Benjamin and Ethel Vencill. Beau's father was a logger, and the family spent most of Beau's childhood moving around Oregon. He spent most of his time in Scio, Dallas and Grants Pass until he moved to Hood River and graduated from Wy'east High School in 1964. It was there he met his wife, Sally, whom he married in 1966.

Beau continued his education at University of Oregon, Portland State University and Oregon State University. He moved to Corvallis in 1967, and later worked in construction, becoming the foreman for Mills Ditching Service before eventually starting his own excavation company.

In 1982, he joined the City of Philomath Public Works Department. In the mid-1990s, he became director of public works. He had many goals he wanted to pursue for the city, and by the time he retired, he had helped build a new public works compound, acquired land for the city waste disposal system, connected the two sides of the city with the bridge on Applegate Street, and survived the famous Philomath highway couplet program.

He liked and respected the people he worked with, and loved his job. Most of all, he considered it a privilege to serve the people of Philomath.

Beau had many hobbies, which included playing the guitar with his friends; bird hunting with his dog, Sophie; and tinkering with his antique farm tractors. Above all, he enjoyed spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife, Sally; his sons, Colin and Michael and his daughter-in-law, Erin, all of Corvallis; his brother, Dan, of Seattle and his wife, Marlys; his sister, Andrea, of Cascade Locks; and many nieces and nephews. A public memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at the Philomath Scout Lodge. Memorial donations can be made to the Philomath Youth Activities Club or the Philomath Scout Lodge in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.