



## Bobby G. Edwards

September 16, 1941 - October 5, 2013

Robert “Bobby” Edwards passed away on Saturday, Oct. 5, at home, as he wished, with care from his family and Benton Hospice Service.

He was born on Sept. 16, 1941, in Vancouver, Wash., to Lawrence and Eva Edwards. Bob was followed by brothers Larry (Evelyn) of Junction City, and Rick (Patti) of New York City, N.Y. Bob’s father died when Bob was a youngster, and his mother later married Bert Wiesenfluh, who brought step-brother Dick into the family.

The family moved with Bert’s work as a log truck driver, but settled in Philomath, where Bob spent most of his childhood. Although he did not graduate from Philomath High School due to the family’s moving to Woodland, Wash., Bob remained a lifelong friend of his class at PHS and attended almost all the reunions so he could see Lonnie Cray, Sandy Davis, Hilda Snyder, Carol (Babe) Mastre, Lois Phelps MacBeth and Leota Dickason Hutsell.

Bob went into the U.S. Air Force following high school, trained as an electronics specialist and spent two years in Germany. Upon his return, Bob married Marann Fowler and together they had four daughters, Ann (Irv) Pike, Kate (Aaron) Rawley, Holly Edwards and Emily Edwards. They later divorced.

Bob worked as a tire salesman, owning his own franchise of Bridgestone Tires

before being hired as an information technology administrator by Boeing (Seattle), where he spent the rest of his working career. In 2000, Bob married Nancy Reid, whom he met through friends in the Seattle area.

In 2004, Bob and Nancy purchased their home in Philomath, where they enjoyed exploring Oregon historical sites, scrounging for antiques and attending local theater at Oregon State University and in the community.

Although Philomath was their home, Bob and Nancy maintained a home in Kirkland, Wash., to be close to their daughters and close friend Robert (Bob) McKee, who enticed Bob into sailing and messing about in boats; as well as seeing Judy Ford, Janet Bell and other Seattle friends. Bob is survived by his wife, Nancy Reid Edwards; daughters; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and friends.

At his request, there will be no service at this time. A celebration of his life and scattering of ashes will take place in the spring at the Oregon Coast. Those wishing to attend are asked to send an email to [eaday@aol.com](mailto:eaday@aol.com) to be added to the guest list.

Remembrances in Bob's name can be sent to SafeHaven Animal Shelter. Bob leaves behind his beloved corgi, Dozer, and cocker spaniel, Cooper, whom he doted on.