



Brenna Weller

March 14, 1950 - September 26, 2009

Brenna Best Weller, longtime English instructor and student adviser at Oregon State University, died on Sept. 26 after a long battle with brain cancer. She was 59.

Though she fought illness and disability for many years, Brenna found the courage and resilience to live a full and happy life to the very end. She'll forever be remembered for her disarming smile and love of nice fluffy bathrobes.

Brenna was born in Canton, Ohio, the only child of Lauren and Helen Best. She grew up in Canton, and then moved to the San Francisco Bay area to enjoy a bit of California living. She was soon married and moved to Corvallis, where she lived for most of the rest of her life.

She earned degrees in English from Oregon State and the University of Oregon. Brenna taught and advised OSU students for more than 20 years. She enjoyed reading, watching her sons grow up, and participating in their soccer and tennis ambitions by traveling to countless tournaments over the years. She greatly enjoyed attending OSU athletics, especially gymnastics. In time, she turned her attention to music, and discovered the violin. For a time she took up her father-in-law's violin, determined to learn the secrets to producing sweet sounds.

She is survived by her husband, Tom, and sons Ian and Alec.

A celebration of life service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, in the Willamette Room of the CH2M-Hill Alumni Center at OSU.

The Weller family wants to thank Angie Egan and Benton Hospice Service for the love and care they showed Brenna during the last weeks of her life. Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Tribute Wall

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“ Brenna, I will miss your wonderful smile. You were a very remarkable person. I am proud to have been your care giver. You will be sadly missed by your loving husband Tom, and your sons, Alec and Ian. God Bless You Angie

Angela Egan - October 02, 2009 at 07:11 PM

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“ I took Business Writing with Brenna quite a few years ago—and was by far the oldest and most experienced in the class. She was a fun teacher (loved the gold pencils!) and a very sweet woman. I stopped in to see her many times when I was in Moreland and always enjoyed catching up. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Melissa R. Weintraub - October 01, 2009 at 01:23 PM