



Charles Dale Piquett

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Charles D. “Charlie” Piquett of Corvallis peacefully passed away on Aug. 9, 2013, at Oregon Health & Science University Hospital in Portland, listening to the blues with friends and family.

Charlie was born in Hazel Green, Wis., and grew up in Galena, Ill., the oldest of seven children. He attended Northern Illinois University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in geology, and advanced degrees in secondary education, and library and media studies. He taught middle school science in Illinois and Iowa, and was district librarian/media specialist for the East Dubuque School District before moving to Corvallis in 1990.

In 1991, he was hired by Oregon Coast Community College in Newport, to establish a library. He served as OCCC director of library and media services until his retirement in 2007, after which he worked part time at the reference desks of Oregon State University’s Valley Library and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

Charlie loved Corvallis and hiked every day he was able on the trails at Finley Wildlife Refuge, Peavy Arboretum and Bald Hill. He was a great cook and his favorite times were having friends over to watch sports or play euchre, eat

good food and drink India pale ales. He frequently spent the early morning hours baking bread, pies and cobblers as he listened to “Breakfast with the Blues.”

He grew beautiful tomatoes and loved tending his berry plants: marionberries, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries and gooseberries.

Charlie is survived by his wife and partner, Loretta; his mother, Inez; brother John (JoJo); sisters Mag Oldenburg (Dave), Pat Foecking (John), Joanne Wachter (Fran), Carol Head (John) and Cathy Sheets (Scott); his many nieces and nephews; and his many friends. Charlie was much loved and will be missed.

We will celebrate Charlie’s life from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, in the shelter at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park on Walnut Boulevard. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Be the Match Foundation, Greenbelt Land Trust or KLCC Eugene Public Radio Station.