



## Dennis Leon Holland

December 2, 1952 - September 3, 2013

Dennis Leon Holland was born on Dec. 2, 1952, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Ronald Holland and Joyce Shuster.

He grew up in Orange County, where he met his future wife, Patricia, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. They attended several colleges together before Dennis graduated from Humboldt State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Planning and Interpretation, with the intention of one day becoming a ranger for the National Park Service.

However, at a job as a cartographer, he became fascinated with the company's IBM computer, and began to explore a career in computer engineering. He eventually became a database administrator for CH2M Hill, Hewlett-Packard Co., and finally Fiserv in Corvallis.

A devoted Christian since high school, Dennis was shy but confident in his faith. He played guitar for his youth group as a young man, and later in life took up the piano and was a constant presence in his church choir.

He enjoyed worship music, flamenco guitar, concert piano, classic rock like Led Zeppelin and the Eagles, and contemporary pop-rock like Coldplay and Green Day. He also cultivated a lifelong love of the outdoors. He enjoyed camping with his family, particularly at Yosemite, and he liked to take friends

and family out on the lake in his boat.

In the home he was a capable handyman, always involved in painting, remodeling, yard work and repairs. He was a loving husband and father, guide and peacemaker, friend and coworker. He is survived by his wife and their four adopted children, Matthew, Kaite, Muniamma and Anika.

A public memorial service will take place at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, at First Baptist Church in Corvallis.

# Tribute Wall



“ I have good memories of Dennis from the NW Hills days, with Matthew in my 1st - 2nd grade Sunday School group. Went to a men's' retreat at Camp Harlow with NWHills when Dennis was also there. This, again, was in the 1st - 2nd grade SS days as one of the helpers. Sometime after that your Holland family moved to Colorado with CH2M Hill.

*Tom Taylor*

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