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Diego was born on August 23, 1972 in Crookston, North Dakota to parents Jim and JoAnn (Nelson) Long. The family moved to Turkey when he was a baby where they lived for several years. After moving to Corvallis, Oregon, Diego attended Wilson Elementary, Cheldelin Middle School and Corvallis High School.

Diego enjoyed his 30 plus year career in the HVAC industry and took great pride in his work. Beginning at age 13 he started in his uncle Al Stephens business, Stephens Heating & Air Conditioning, where he also worked with his cousin, Matt Stephens. In the fall of 1994 Diego began his apprenticeship at Chemeketa Community College and graduated from the program in 1998, achieving journeyman status. For the past eight years he worked at his favorite job, Mike's Heating and Air Conditioning in Albany, Oregon as a Commercial Projects Specialist.

He enjoyed playing golf with his brother Cordell and listening to Sinatra while working in his garage. He loved being with his family. He was always willing to help work on his parent's rentals when they were out of town.

While Diego was fighting COVID-19 in the hospital these past few weeks he was able to tell his mother he loved her and his brother and family were able to visit him. His girlfriend, Kelly was able to see him as well as her daughter Kaleigh.

We are all thankful for the precious last moments with Diego. This is a reminder to treasure your time with those you love. Those special times together become even more precious once you have lost someone and memories are all you have left. Diego was a special person and we all hold our memories of him close to our hearts.

He is survived by his mother JoAnn Long-Donaldson, stepfather Ken Donaldson, his brother Cordell Long, his girlfriend Kelly Spinney and her daughter Kaleigh. He is also survived by many loving family and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Bud and Laurel Nelson.

A viewing will be held at McHenry Funeral Home on Thursday, December 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A memorial service is planned for January. Date and time to be announced.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **16**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall

DB

“ JoAnn, Cordell & Ken. I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. There are no words at a time like this. Please know that I hold you all in my heart and my prayers.
Much Love to you all -
Deanna Bowser

Deanna Bowser - December 20, 2021 at 04:23 PM

DJ

“ Oh my JoAnne I'm thinking of you and your family are in my prayers. I'm so very sorry for your families loss.

Dave Juvenal - December 16, 2021 at 02:58 AM

KH

“ Diego was a very special friend to me & my daughter, Alyssa, over the years and will be greatly missed. His caring nature, quirky humor & sweet smile. A good guy taken way to soon. We will miss you, Diego. My condolences to his family!

Kerrie Ann Hopkins - December 16, 2021 at 12:36 AM

AT

“ You were one of the best people I know. A long-time friend, golf buddy and dart league teammate. I'm really gonna miss you man.

PS Say hi to Jim B for me.

Adam Tompkins - December 15, 2021 at 08:11 PM

AT

“ Adam Tompkins lit a candle in memory of Diego Burdell Long



Adam Tompkins - December 15, 2021 at 07:48 PM

KM

“ Such a fun loving friend with that great smile! So many great times all of us together, so many years ago. You will be greatly missed Diego .. God speed ♡

Kelly Marshall - December 15, 2021 at 12:00 PM

MD

So very, very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers to the family.

Mike and Dianne Draper - December 15, 2021 at 12:16 PM

MJ

“ This may be stealing one of Jessica's memories but I remember visiting Grandpa and Grandma Nelson at Angelica for Christmas. After we pulled up in the dark after a long drive down the columbia gorge, Diego came running out to the car to grab Jessica and carry her in the house so she wouldn't have to walk through the rain! He loved his cousins!

Mark Johnson - December 14, 2021 at 06:03 PM

VJ

Diego's untimely passing reminded me of a line by Ernest Hemingway about feeling a sense of loss "... it was as though a young person had died for no reason". The random nature of the disease that befell Diego leaves me with this same feeling. But on a happier note, it warms my heart to learn from Mark (above) that my kids enjoyed many good times with Diego at Bud and Laurel's.

Vernon Johnson - December 15, 2021 at 08:41 PM

RA

Sending love and compassion for your family at this tragic time. Since I knew Diego and Cordell from youth to adulthood it was especially painful to hear of Diego passing so young. Words cannot convey my grief and that of so many others. Blessings to JoAnn & Cordell during this inconsolable time. Hugs!

Randy - December 16, 2021 at 08:16 PM