



## Edward John Trione

March 10, 1926 - November 7, 2016

Edward J. Trione was born on March 10, 1926 in Collinsville, Illinois to John Edward Trione and Emma Talenski Trione and died November 7, 2016 of heart problems. He was the second of three children: sister Wanda, 5 years older and brother, Bruce, 2 years younger.

At the age of 12, Edward moved to Oakland, California to live with his father. During the summers of his high school years, he prospected for gold in northern California with two experienced miners, and he also worked on the docks in the San Francisco Bay Area, loading and unloading ships for the Pacific War Zone.

One week after graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy Air Corps. He wanted to be a pilot, but in June 1944 there was a surplus of pilots, so he became a bombardier and an aerial gunner in a combat air squadron. After discharge, Edward started college in California, and then transferred to the University of Wisconsin where he met and married Bonnie Marie Johnson on August 30, 1949. After receiving his B.S. in Chemistry, Edward went to McGill Medical School for two years. He decided not to pursue a career in medicine, but to begin a graduate program at Oregon State University. In the next 4 years, three wonderful, healthy children were born, David (1953), Janet (1955), and Debra (1957). Edward was awarded a Doctorate in Botany and Biochemistry in 1957. After several years on the faculty at UC Davis in California, he returned to Oregon State where he was a Research Biochemist (ARS-USDA) and became a Professor in the Department of Botany and Plant

Pathology. His research concerned the biochemistry of hormones in plants and fungi. He was a member of four scientific botanical societies. He taught a graduate course and supervised graduate students. He retired in 1989.

In 1978, the Trione car was hit by a speeding car, which had driven through a STOP sign. Edward and Debra got out of the wreckage, but Bonnie died in the gasoline fire that quickly developed. Six years later, in 1984, Edward and Barbara Colvin Janosik were married. Edward relished the unknown – he loved to explore new ideas in science and new places and cultures. Many of his vacations were with family and friends into remote wild areas – hiking, camping, climbing and rafting. He never hunted or fished, but rather celebrated life by climbing nearly all of the major mountains in the Pacific Northwest, usually with his son David, friends Lewis and Jon Krakauer, and others. With his wife Barbara, and many friends he rafted many of the white water rivers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and British Columbia.

He was an environmental activist; a member of the Wilderness Society, Sierra Club, Oregon Cascades Conservation Counsel, and the Obsidian Club. With those organizations, he worked to help establish several of the wilderness areas in the Oregon Cascades in the 1960s.

In his retirement, he continued to pursue his hobbies: woodworking, forestry, sports (tennis, hiking, camping, and rafting). Edward and his wife Barbara enjoyed traveling many times to Canada, Alaska, Mexico, Europe, Hawaii, and the South Pacific. He had an intense curiosity about many things and was a voracious reader of a wide variety of non-fiction books.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son David of Costa Rica; daughter Janet Jaros of Tasmania, Australia; daughter Debra Okunieff of Gainesville, Florida; stepson Pieter Janosik of Los Angeles, CA. and stepdaughter Polly Hyke of Portland, Oregon. He has 6 grandchildren: Alexis, Haidee, Maya, Sarah, Eva, and Indigo.

His first wife, Bonnie M. Trione and his brother Bruce Trione preceded him in death.



# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Barbara, please accept my condolences on the death of Edward. My thoughts are with you and your family at this time...Marsha Gulick*

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**Marsha Gulick** - November 29, 2016 at 02:07 PM

JE

“ We were saddened to hear of Edward’s passing. I remember him as someone who always said “hi” to me as a teenager and would ask me how I was doing. I especially remember a wilderness adventure I took with the Trione family and the Sierra Club to Mt. Washington when I was in high school. It helped to fuel my interest in hiking and getting outdoors and I have continued to enjoy these things to this day.

*I appreciated Edward’s interest in John’s work as a woodworking craftsman and it has caused us to cross paths periodically over the years. The support has been appreciated.*

*Thinking of you all at this time of loss,*

*Jane Eberhardt*

*I have always admired Ed Trione for having taken his son, my friend Dave, up the 10 highest peaks in Oregon making him the youngest person to have accomplished this.*

*I have also camped and hiked with Dave and I have benefited from some of the things he learned from his mountain climbing experiences. This was especially when it came to hiking up a steep rock embankment with out having to creep and crawl.*

*I appreciated that certain twinkle Edward had in his eyes and I have observed it over the 47 years that I have known him. This made for lively and meaningful interactions between us.*

*Very recently, Ed and Barbara called me asking if I would repair the family’s dining room chairs. How pleasant it was to reconnect and have a chance to catch up and to find out how Dave was doing and what he is up to these days. We also talked about hiking at Goat Rocks wilderness area, the local artists’ works on their walls, and how Jane was doing. We parted company having enjoyed our visit.*

*In Sympathy,*

*John Eberhardt*

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**John & Jane Eberhardt** - November 23, 2016 at 05:51 PM

JW

“ *I am thinking of you and your family, Barbara. I do hope the years of sharing your life with Edward will give you much comfort now and in the future.*

*Janet Wolf-Eshe*

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**Janet Wolf-Eshe** - November 17, 2016 at 10:45 AM

JP

“ *To the family of Ed Trione,  
I was a graduate student in Botany and Plant Pathology from 1976-1983. Although he was not my advisor, Dr. Trione was a kind, generous, and respected mentor. He helped me develop a biochemical assay for my research. He and Dr. Charles Leach were very supportive of women graduate students at a time when there were not many of us. It made a big difference to me.*

*Coincidentally I am now a professor at OSU and my husband and I live on the same cul-de-sac (Firwood Place) where I understand that Dr. Trione used to live.*

*May your happy memories bring you comfort.*

*Kind regards,  
Jennifer Parke*

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**Jennifer Parke** - November 09, 2016 at 10:27 PM

EL

“ Hello David,  
I was in the CHS high school class with you in 1971.  
I send you my condolences.  
And how terribly sad that your mother passed on so early in your  
life.  
Best to you,  
Eileen Hope Langton

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**Eileen Hope Langton** - November 08, 2016 at 01:09 PM