



## Gary Howard Tiedeman

January 22, 1940 - March 3, 2014

Gary suddenly passed away at home, due to complications of a long illness.

He began his life in Burlington, Iowa, the son of Howard Tiedeman and Lucille Petty Tiedeman.

Gary received his bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado and a master's degree from Stanford University, and earned his doctorate at the University of North Carolina. Beyond his formal education, Gary had a lifelong joy of learning. He joined the faculty of Oregon State University in 1970 and taught there until his retirement in 2007.

In addition to teaching, Gary also served as president of the OSU Faculty Senate and director of the Honors Program, as well as other OSU and state associations. During his tenure he received the D. Curtis Mumford Faculty Service award and the Warren Howland Award.

While studying at the University of Colorado, Gary met his best friend and the love of his life, Libby Bock; they were married in 1959. Together they raised a boy, a girl, and several golden retrievers and other four-footed family members.

Gary had a passion for service to his community: before and during his

retirement he volunteered for Dial-A-Bus, the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and Benton Hospice Service, among others. Together with Libby and others from their church, Gary traveled to New Orleans and to Nicaragua to help with hurricane disaster relief. At the time of his death he was serving on the board of Oregon Public Employees Retirement System Retirees, Inc.

Gary had a creative side, which he expressed through his love of music, participating in the First Presbyterian Church choir and Corvallis Repertory Singers, as well as acting in numerous local musicals and other community theater. He also enjoyed expressing himself through prose and poetry, where he often showcased his wonderful sense of humor.

A loving family man, Gary is survived by his wife, Libby; his son, Gregg, and daughter-in-law, Sandra Tiedeman, of Littleton, Colo.; daughter, Kelly, and son-in-law, Dan Higgins, of Dayton, Ohio; four grandchildren; his sister, Pam Walcher; one niece; two nephews; two golden retrievers; a collie and a border collie.

A celebration of Gary's life will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 16, at First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis. In lieu of flowers, contributions to one of Gary's favorite organizations would be appreciated: Defenders of Wildlife, the Jimmy Carter Foundation or the First Presbyterian Church Choir.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Libby,  
*We were truly saddened to hear of Gary's passing. He has always been such a special friend and mentor. He truly cared about everyone around and was a particularly exceptional Faculty Senate President who made a difference for faculty at OSU. I know your memories will be particularly helpful during this time.*

*Maggie and Dave Niess*

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**Maggie Niess** - March 15, 2014 at 05:26 PM

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“ Libby,  
*I am thinking of you during this time of grief for you. I will not be there tomorrow for the celebration of Gary's life. I didn't know Gary very well, but what I did know was wonderful. He was truly a deep thinker, aware and cared greatly about life. I am sorry for your loss. It is truly a loss for the world.*

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**Linda Stork** - March 15, 2014 at 12:07 PM

KM

“ Kelly, *I read about your dad's passing in the GT. My heart and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Kristi McMorran*

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**Kristi McMorran** - March 14, 2014 at 12:21 PM

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“ Kelly, I was saddened to hear of your father's passing. He was a good man. May the love that you hold in your heart comfort you. I wish you all the best.

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**Sara Van Olst Lundgren** - March 14, 2014 at 12:07 AM

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“ Gary was both loved and respected as a member of our family. He touched each of our lives in a special way, and he will live in our hearts. We will miss him terribly.

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**Jane Supple** - March 13, 2014 at 09:49 AM

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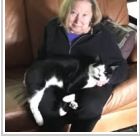
“ Libby - I'm so sorry to read online about Gary. You were always one of my favorites at the Book Store, which was a big part of my life for 28 years! I've been in Nebraska for almost 17 years! It was enlightening to read about Gary's life.

*Hugs to you, and hope you are doing well!*

*Stan Selfridge*

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**Stan Selfridge** - March 11, 2014 at 09:23 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of Gary's passing. I joined the English department at OSU in 1980, and I quickly learned who Gary was. He was a mentor to me and to many other younger faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts. I remember Gary as being particularly kind and generous with a great sense of humor. He also had a strong service ethic and gave much to both CLA and the university. He will be missed.

*Lisa Ede*

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**Lisa Ede** - March 11, 2014 at 11:17 AM