



Gordon Stanley Ormsby

February 1, 1947 - February 29, 2016

In his own words. He died of glioblastoma, an incurable brain-originated cancer, on February 29, 2016 at his home in Corvallis, Oregon. Gordon was born on February 1, 1947 and raised in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania by Stanley and Violet Ormsby. In 1964, he and Marion Gregor started dating as seniors at Central High School. In 1968 they were married and graduated from Penn State. Surviving are his wife Marion Gregor, his children Rebecca Ormsby and Michael Ormsby, and four siblings: Fawn Ishom, Sidney Ormsby, Juel Ormsby, and Nathan Ormsby.

Gordon earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and was the first engineer at two Pennsylvania rural electric cooperatives. In 1978 Gordon and the family moved to Corvallis, Oregon, where Gordon took a job as a power transmission line design consultant with CH2M Hill. He built a strong project design resume with dozens of successful projects all over the country. Gordon eventually became the Electric Utilities Department Manager. In 1996 he and a financial partner led a group of eight engineers and technicians out of CH2M Hill to start a new power utilities consulting company in Corvallis. By the time he retired in 2013 at age 66, TriAxis Engineering, Inc. had grown to a staff of about 25 with additional offices in Vancouver, WA, and Albuquerque, NM. TriAxis designs substations, transmission lines, and distribution lines for northwest public utilities and for many U.S. developers in both wind and solar generation. Gordon remained proud of the TriAxis staff. To prepare for an active retirement, Marion and Gordon moved to a worn-out

old Kiger Island farmstead house on 3¼ acres south of Corvallis in 2005.

They remodeled the house and repaired the grounds. Gordon was happy to have park-like Douglas fir woods, a varied orchard, a pasture, and a vegetable garden of deep sandy loam soil.

Gordon lived as a kind and quiet Secular Humanist, who valued science, logic and the Golden Rule.

The memorial will be held at 2pm Friday, March 4th at the McHenry Funeral Home. Donations in Gordon's memory may be given in his name to the Corvallis Community Band Endowment Fund, and sent in care of McHenry's Funeral Home 206 NW 5th Street, Corvallis, OR 97330.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 4. 2:00 PM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall

BS

“ Marion, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Always have fond memories of Central High School and growing up in the Cove.
Bradley Sollenberger

Bradley Sollenberger - March 06, 2016 at 08:22 PM

SS

“ Gordon was a wonderful man that touch some many people. We will never know all the beautiful gifts he gave in his lifetime to all of us. I know he changed me forever and I am so glad I was able to work with him and continue to keep in touch through the years. There are so many good memories of him. Marion I will keep in touch and be sure you are getting along in the coming months.
Stacy Snider

Stacy Snider - March 06, 2016 at 04:57 PM

MG

“ Marion, Rebecca & Michael....please accept our deepest sympathy during this most difficult time. Sincerely, Martin Gregor, Delia Lebron, Patrick, Jennifer & Samantha Rider, Bryan Gregor.

Martin Gregor - March 06, 2016 at 07:06 AM

ML

“ i work for Michael in Bend. My heart goes out to all of you in your loss. I see Gordon as a well spoken man of integrity. He loved his family and is values are apparent in his son. You are all in my prayers as you move forward.

Margaret Lewis - March 04, 2016 at 09:12 PM

AM

“ Marion, You have been in my thoughts lately and will be in the future as well. I would like to be in touch more often in the days ahead.

Ann Meadowbrook - March 04, 2016 at 11:44 AM

TB

“ Marion, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. I so enjoyed your stays here with me at the B&B in Roaring Spring and the quiet but inspiring talks Gordon and I would have in the mornings. I hope our paths will cross again sometime. Tina

Tina Burman - March 03, 2016 at 08:42 PM

SG

“ Marion, I am so sorry to read about Gordon. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I have many great memories from our days growing up in Martinsburg and our time together at Central. Suzanne Dilling Gray

Sue Gray - March 03, 2016 at 01:30 PM

RM

“ Marion, Just know I am standing by in prayer for you and your family. I praise God that the Holy Spirit is ministering to all of you in this time of grief. Ruth Ann "ROGERS" (my dad pastored Leamersville Grace Brethren Church) Mayes.

Ruth Mayes - March 03, 2016 at 11:08 AM

NE

“ Heartfelt condolences to Marion, Rebecca and Michael.
Neill

Neill - March 02, 2016 at 12:42 PM