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Greg M. Ellis died unexpectedly of a massive heart attack on February 7th in Portland. He was born in Corvallis on October 31, 1959 to Lyle Ellis and Helen Sawin Ellis.

Greg attended Harding Elementary, Highland View Junior High and Corvallis High School, graduating in the class in 1977. Greg made many lifelong friendships through those years including his wife Margaret Risley Ashmore. He participated in numerous programs and activities including sports, 4-H Forestry, Young Life, Youth Conservation Corps, and the Boy Scouts where he attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He also coached younger girl's softball teams for Corvallis Parks and Recreation.

Greg continued his education attending Pacific Lutheran University and the University Of Oregon exploring his options for how he wanted to spend his life. He returned to OSU where he received his BA in Sociology, Human Services in 1983. During his years at OSU he was involved with Community Outreach working with crisis intervention teams and training volunteer staff for dealing with community information and referral services. He also served an internship with the Benton County Misdemeanant Parole and Probation Dept. During the summers he worked on fire crews for the US Forestry Service. He spent his senior year at OSU as an exchange student in the International

Division at Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan.

Greg spent the next several years in Japan in teaching and administrative positions pertaining to teaching English as a second language. He spent the last five of those years in Japan in teaching and administrative positions at Tokai Gakuen Women's College in Nagoya, Japan. Previous to that he also held teaching positions in Hiroshima, Osaka and Kyoto. He received his Masters, M.A.T., English, from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont in 1994. In 1996 he returned to the U.S. and decided to pursue a law degree. He received his J.D. in 2000 from the N.W. School of Law at Lewis and Clark College.

Since 2013 Greg was with Folktime Riverstone Center and Clackamas County Behavior Health working in crisis intervention and counseling. He was very dedicated to his job and his clients and he will be sorely missed by the many people whose lives he touched.

Greg is survived by his wife, Margaret (Risley) Ashmore, his beloved son Kentaro (Kenny) Lee Ellis and his mother Takae Fukushima, parents Lyle and Helen Ellis, brother Glen of Portland and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of Greg's life will be held at McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St. Corvallis, on Friday, March 9th from 2 to 4 PM, please bring your stories to share.

Contributions in Greg's name can be made to Chintimini Wildlife Center or Heartland Humane Society via McHenry Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

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