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Jeffery Wilcox, 50, was called home by God on Monday after a nearly seven-year off-and-on battle with cancer.

Jeff was born to Jack and Shirley Wilcox of Harrisburg. He graduated from Harrisburg High School, and then went on to graduate from college at OIT in Klamath Falls. While growing up, Jeff worked in his family's business, Wilcox Feed and Seed in Harrisburg. He grew up learning his values from his family and the Boy Scouts.

Jeff enjoyed restoring old cars, fishing, motorcycle riding and scuba diving. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family. He attended the United Presbyterian Church of Albany.

Most people remember Jeff for the years he spent as a deputy sheriff. Jeff started his law enforcement career with the Linn County Sheriff's Office in 1988 as a reserve deputy. While at the Linn County Sheriff's Office, Jeff was a Marine Patrol Deputy, on the department's dive team, a DARE officer, a narcotics detective and a patrol deputy.

In 1999, Jeff transferred to the Benton County Sheriff's Office. While working for Benton County, Jeff was a patrol deputy, on the SWAT team, on the crash team, a forest deputy, a field training officer, a detective and a member of the marijuana eradication team. Through his hard work, Jeff earned the rank of corporal. During his law enforcement career, Jeff earned the Award of Valor for saving the life of another.

In 2006, Jeff was awarded Benton County's Employee of the Year. Jeff was a "warrior" who believed in helping people.

He is survived by the love of his life, wife Jennifer; twin sons Aaron and Matthew; his parents; brother Greg and wife, Michele Wilcox, of Harrisburg; sister Cory and husband, Brian Snippen, of Tualatin; nieces Haley, Sarah and Lauren Snippen; as well as other family and his many friends.

He was preceded in death by sons Aiden and Alec.

A celebration of life will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Life Community Church in Corvallis.

Donations in Jeff's name can be made to the ABC House in Albany.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeffery Wilcox*

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