



## Kent Hardin

November 11, 1954 - May 27, 2011

Kent Eugene Hardin passed away Friday, May 27, 2011, at home in Eugene, with his family by his side, after a long battle with cancer.

Kent was born on Nov. 11, 1954, in Yakima, Wash., to Edward and Eldorra Hardin. The family moved to Corvallis in 1957, where Kent attended school. Kent was active in all sports, including football, basketball and track, at both Western View Middle School and Corvallis High School. He graduated from CHS in 1973.

He then attended the University of Oregon for one year before moving back to Corvallis, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business from Oregon State University. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. After graduation, Kent worked as an accountant for two different companies in Portland.

He then moved to Eugene and worked in Grants and Contracts at U of O. His last position at U of O was as an assistant director of administration in the Institute of Molecular Biology.

On May 6, 1989, Kent married Kristen Gass of Eugene. Their son, Samuel Edward Hardin, was born on Sept. 20, 1991. Kent coached Samuel's Kid Sports teams of football, basketball and baseball for more than 10 years. What Kent enjoyed most in life was spending time with his son Samuel. Kent also enjoyed traveling, gardening, fishing, golfing and watching sports with friends and family.

Kent was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Eldorra Hardin. Kent

is survived by his loving son, Samuel Edward Hardin of Eugene; his sister, Susan Vernice Rugh of Corvallis; and his brother, Scott William Hardin of Corvallis.

A funeral Mass and celebration of life will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis. Burial will follow at Oak Lawn Memorial Park. A reception will follow at the Vue in Corvallis. Memorial contributions can be made to the Willamette Valley Cancer Center or Marist Catholic High School.

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ Kent was my best friend and golfing buddy for the past 18 years. We had many good times playing golf together. I enjoyed our talks about a variety of subjects including fathers and sons, as we played the scenic golf courses in our area and around Oregon. Being a good father and a good parent to his son Sam, was the most important priority in Kent's life. Kent took his responsibilities as a parent very seriously. He always tried to raise his son to be respectful and considerate of other people. Kent always did his best to provide the best possible example for his son. I know Kent was very proud of his son Sam, and proud of all of Sam's achievements on the athletic fields and courts, and especially in the classroom. Kent gained a lot of fulfillment from working for the University of Oregon's Grants and Contracts department and later as an Administrator in the U of O's Institute of Molecular Biology. Both departments play a big role in cancer research. Kent was happy to help the U of O's cancer researchers get the grants for their important work. I'm a better person for having known Kent. I'll always remember the good times we had together. My memories of Kent will always be with me and I'll think of Kent every time I play golf. My deepest sympathies to his son Sam and the rest of his wonderful family. Kevin Berlin Eugene, Oregon

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**Kevin Berlin** - June 10, 2011 at 05:44 PM

NH

“ Scott and Susan -- I can't imagine the tough times you are going through, losing your brother so soon after your mother. I send you my deepest sympathies. The first time I fell in love was in 1st grade at Harding School -- Kent was too wonderful for words! He did me the honor of walking home to my house for lunch one school day! I had a chance to mention that memory to him a few years ago, and it was a warm moment. Rest in peace, Kent.

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**Nancy Mengler Hoffman** - June 03, 2011 at 01:49 PM

JG

“ Both of us had occasion to benefit from Kent's presence, Jim on a everyday basis at work, and Pat, at the Institute Picnics and Christmas parties.

*Kent was a man for all seasons.*

*The best superior Jim ever had. Kent had the rare combination of being both Personable, Businesslike, and Fair.*

*To Pat he was a friendly face that took the time to get to know all the family members of the Institute.*

*He will be missed by many. Both of us will be looking forward to seeing him once more, when our time comes.*

*Sincerely, Jim & Pat Greig*

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**Jim & Pat Greig** - June 02, 2011 at 11:35 AM

VW

“ Scott, Karen and family - So sorry to hear the sad news. Kent was always someone I really admired. We both graduated from OSU the same time and I remember going through the Career Center on the same day for interviews. Kent, who always seemed so cool and collected, was as nervous as I was to interview for a job. I have run into him a few times over the years since then and have enjoyed the talks. Can't make it to the service, but my heart will be there with all of you.

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**Velvet Martin Withers** - June 01, 2011 at 11:05 PM

SP

“*Kent was a wonderful colleague, and a good friend. He will be deeply missed.*”

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**Sheryl Powell** - June 01, 2011 at 03:52 PM