



Kevin Michael Bupp

September 21, 1971 - August 29, 2014

Kevin M. Bupp, 42, of Corvallis passed on Aug. 29, 2014, of natural causes.

He is survived by his mom and stepfather, Sandy and Nona Tilton of Albany; his father, John R. Bupp of Wichita, Kansas; his aunt and uncle, John and Brenda Patrykus of Marysville, Washington; his two cousins, Dan (Kristina) Patrykus and Jodi Patrykus, both of Seattle, Washington; members of his stepfamilies, Don Anderson of Bullhead City, Arizona, Vicki Anderson of Bothell, Washington, Joanne (Chuck) Danbom and family of Brownsburg, Indiana, Andrea Tiemeyer of Bend, Darlene Tilton of Peoria, Arizona, Carolyn (Larry) Goodeil of Westminster, California, Jim (Loretta) Smith of Lamar, Colorado, and David Smith of Los Angeles, California; and many other extended family members.

Kevin was born in Tehran, Iran. When he was 7 months old, he came to the United States with his parents, who divorced in 1973. He lived in Wichita and Denver, then moved to the Pacific Northwest with his mother. They moved to Neah Bay, Washington, to help his grandparents run their salmon-fishing resort, where they met Sandy Tilton in 1977.

Sandy quickly became the best dad Kevin ever could have. They moved to Point Arena, California, where Sandy was stationed for two years; and then moved to Corvallis in 1979, where Kevin lived until his death.

Kevin graduated from Crescent Valley High School and attended Linn-Benton Community College. His true love was working at the salmon-fishing resort, where he worked every summer until his grandmother's death meant the closure of the resort. Kevin worked for the past 13 years for the Jackson Chevron Company, most recently at the station on Circle Boulevard.

We were very proud of Kevin. He was kind and laid-back and had a soft heart. He was loved by many for his positive attitude, his strong work ethic and his love of telling corny jokes. He loved tie-dye and Hawaiian shirts, '60s music, and all manner of gaming and scuba diving.

He was a history buff, and enjoyed the Corvallis Knights and Beavers women's basketball games. And he had many he could call his friend.

He was preceded in death by his maternal uncles, Ronald and Donald Jenks; his maternal cousins, Nick Oliver, Ed Jenks and Donald Welton; his grandparents, Jean Anderson, Donald and Berdell Jenks, and Kendall and Barbara Tilton; and his uncle, Ken Tilton.

An informal memorial service and celebration of his life will take place at a later date, to be posted on his Facebook page.

Tribute Wall



Andrea
Kalista

“ I didn't know Kevin very well but he was sure to ask me how my smile was doing everyday and would always be sure to put one on my face if I didn't have one. I am disappointed that I didn't get to know him more. Life is so short.

Andrea Kalista - October 10, 2014 at 12:32 AM



Wynona
Tilton

“ If you plan on attending Kevin's Celebration of Life, please dig out your Hawaiian shirt to wear to the event. He was rarely seen without one on! And, bring your corny jokes to share.

Wynona Tilton - September 29, 2014 at 11:04 AM



Wynona
Tilton

“ Kevin's Celebration of Life will be held on October 12th 1-5 at the Thompson Shelter in Avery Park. We ask that you bring a dish for a pot luck. We hope to see many of his friends and customers who would like to share stories of how he impacted all our lives.

Wynona Tilton - September 25, 2014 at 11:13 AM



JE

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I knew Kevin from Jackson's and he always put a smile on my face with his innocent jokes, delivered with just the right timing. He was a beautiful example of how you can make an impact with little gifts of attention. What a kind soul. I hope you find comfort in knowing the joy he brought to others.

Jeri - September 11, 2014 at 01:56 AM

SH

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Kevin's family and friends. I too knew him from Jacksons and he was always friendly and ready to offer up a joke (or three), and it was always great when he was working when I went there. I told my teenage son about Kevin's passing and he said, "The one who told the jokes?" He had an impact on the Corvallis community and he touched many people

Shelley - September 09, 2014 at 05:43 PM

MC

“ Melinda Casillas lit a candle in memory of Kevin Michael Bupp



Melinda Casillas - September 05, 2014 at 03:21 PM

MC

“ I am shocked and so sad to see that "the joke guy" --as we always called him--has passed on. Like several others have expressed here, Kevin was an extra-bright spot in the day if you had to stop and gas up...there were times I pulled in with a heavy heart for some reason and left laughing because of him. Many times I drove out of my way to gas up there, just because of him. The last time I saw him about 2 weeks ago, I told him that I had run into several people around town who also knew him for the gift he had of cheering people up. He smiled and told me some more jokes. I will really, really miss him and only wish I had known him better.
MC

Melinda Casillas - September 05, 2014 at 03:20 PM

JH

“ Kevin was an excellent friend of mine during our middle school years, (1983-86,) and even though we drifted apart in high school I still have fond memories of the many sleep overs on the weekends and hanging out after school watching movies, playing video games and listening to music. He had a carefree attitude and loved to joke which made hanging out with him fun, his fascination with the military carried over into many of his hobbies and we used to talk about the possibility of him serving when he came of age. His parents were always kind to me and the time I spent at their household was something to look forward to.

His friendship during those awkward years lessened my troubles and makes my memories of that time some of my happiest and I hate to think what they would have been like without knowing him. I am stunned to hear of his passing and regret I only have this to attempt to summarize my experiences with him as so much is left out, but the best way is simply say that; he was my friend and I will miss him.

To Nona and Sandy my deepest sympathies and I hope that you will persevere through this unexpected loss.

Jason Hendricks

Jason Hendricks - September 05, 2014 at 01:17 AM

NO

Jason- so good to hear from you. You were a dear friend to Kevin. Thank you for sharing. Nona

Nona - September 05, 2014 at 11:19 AM

BS

“ I knew Kevin only tangentially, as a customer of Jacksons. Still, he made a positive impact on my life - and with those that I shared his jokes with. A co-worker at Keller Williams and I mused today "Do you think he had any idea of the joy he brought to others?". Clients, friends and family members have laughed and groaned at the many jokes he shared. Kevin was a shining of example of how we can positively impact the lives of others by even small gestures. I am very sorry for your loss. Barbara Swain

Barbara Swain - September 04, 2014 at 08:57 PM

BB

“ I have been a regular customer at Chevron last several years. Kevin always greeted me with a smile and a sincere "how are you doing?" He usually threw in a couple of jokes or stories that made both me and my two boys laugh. There are few people that always have a smile on their face and take the time to visit like Kevin always did. So sorry for your loss and I'm sure the Chevron company has no idea what a valuable employee they have lost. God bless....Becky Bloom

becky bloom - September 04, 2014 at 07:07 PM

NO

“ Kevin you are with the angels and you are telling them a joke. I will always remember you coming into the office and making me laugh with you soft jokes. You will be missed!



Norma - September 04, 2014 at 06:30 PM

JU

I am very sad to learn the bad news about Kevin. I always enjoyed his jokes when I lived in Corvallis. We shared the same sense of humor and still remember some of his jokes like: What do you call a deer with only one eye? No eye deer "

My kids really enjoyed him and always asked me to fill up gas at the station where the funny guy works.

We will miss you Kevin!!!

Juan-Carlos - September 08, 2014 at 05:16 PM