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Nichols Milbank “Nick” Cutting was born on October 4, 1935, in Los Angeles, California to Mary Frances Milbank and Eugene Lester Cutting Jr. He passed away on May 27, 2026, at the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis, Oregon, of bone cancer.

He graduated from Los Angeles High School where he was the editor of the yearbook and received the Alumni Award for outstanding school service in 1953. He graduated from the University of California, Berkley in 1957 with a B.A. in History, Economics, and Speech. While at Berkley he was a manager of the Cal Bears baseball team and a member of Alpha Delta Phi fraternity. He later returned to Berkley to earn his MBA in accounting in 1968.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1960. After basic training he was stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia as a Personnel Specialist to the Infantry Board.

Besides Los Angeles, he lived in the San Francisco Bay Area, and Cottage Grove and Corvallis, Oregon. He moved to Cottage Grove to be a part of the Cerro Gordo community, a group who planned to build an ecological village

near Dorena Lake.

In his accounting career he worked for General Motors, Pete Marwick, and the University of California Hospital system. In Corvallis, he worked for Bardon MaGinnis, CPA, before co-founding Schwartz and Cutting, LLC. That partnership ended as Spectrum CPA Group LLP and Spectrum Strategic Capital Management LLC. Nick was still CFO and Chief Compliance Officer for Spectrum Capital Management and still had his own tax clients at the time of his death. He treasured his relationships with clients, staff and partners and the trust they placed in him.

Nick married Cynthia Ann Railley on September 5, 1964, at Menlo Park, California. Nick and Cynthia had two children, Kimberly Robin and John Nichols. From Cottage Grove, Cynthia moved back to the Bay Area and Nick began his dedicated and caring journey as a full-time single parent. Their marriage ended in divorce in 1977. He met Katherine Rae Bremser at an Alternative Lifestyles Chautauqua at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. They were life partners for almost 49 years.

In Corvallis, Nick served on the Corvallis City Budget Commission, including as chair, helped with the formation of the Library Services District for the Corvallis Benton County Public Library System, and served as treasurer for a Charlie Vars mayoral campaign.

Nick had a variety of interests which he pursued throughout his life. Those included travel, baseball, music of all kinds, time with friends and family, and theatre. He was a co-founder of the Cottage Theatre in Cottage Grove and an honorary lifetime member of the Albany Civic Theatre for his roles as actor, director, box office manager, and treasurer.

He was preceded in death by his parents Mary Frances Milbank and Eugene

Lester Cutting Jr., his brother and sister-in-law Carol Byrd and Lester Milbank Cutting, and his former wife Cynthia Ann Railley Cutting.

He is survived by his life partner Katherine Bremser, his daughter Kimberly Tyskiewicz (Mark), son John Cutting, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren: Nichelle Noel Fandino (Isabela Noel and Callie Lynn Wilson), Leah Frances Fandino, Melody Anne Fandino, Nichols Cutting Fandino (Michelle), Alecto Nichols Cutting (Jack Gibson), Bryan Thomas Cutting, Kadyn Dawn Cutting (Flynn Cary) and nieces Mary Cutting Jack (Robert), Barbara Cutting Sieck (Jeff) and Nancy Cutting Phillipi (Mark).

For those wishing to make a donation in his memory, consider the Portland Art Museum, the High Desert Museum, Grace Center, Lumina Hospice and Palliative Care, Jackson Street Youth Services, the John G. Shedd Institute for the Arts, the Corvallis Repertory Singers, the Corvallis-OSU or Willamette Valley Symphonies, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival or Doctors without Borders.

Upcoming Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 11. 3:00 PM (PT)

Albany Golf & Event Center
155 NW Country Club Ln
Albany, OR 97321
<https://albany-golf.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Nick and Cindy arrived in Cottage Grove two months before Jan and I. As such I saw them as the established coterie of Town forum folks. Nick was also ten years older and a professional CPA. I always received his advice and opinions with some deference. He and I remained stalwart supporters of the effort to build a new town in line with sustainable ecosensitive development, known as the Cerro Gordo Project.

After Chris Canfield , the prime influence and perpetrator behind the Cerro Gordo Project passed in 2012. Nick was very influential in the recovery and redirection of the Cerro Gordo Project

His substantial donations to the Cerro Gordo Land Conservancy help ensure that the 1100 acre parcel on the North side of Lake Dorena in South Lane County will be managed in an ecosensitive manner.

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