



Robert Lee Kuhn

July 31, 1948 - July 30, 2023

Robert Lee Kuhn of Corvallis passed away July 30, 2023 at Regency Park Place, where he resided and received thoughtful, loving care from the staff for the past five years. In his final days, he was also kindly tended to by Lumina Hospice.

Bob, as he was known to his many friends, was the only child of Lee W. Kuhn and VaDare Hackney Kuhn. Born July 31, 1948 in Corvallis, he grew up in their family home situated on a sprawling farm of apple trees, blackberry bushes, and wild deer. Bob graduated from Oregon State University (OSU) in June 1970 with a degree in Speech Communication and married the love of his life, fellow OSU graduate Betty Jean Yoneyama, two months later. The couple settled in McMinnville, OR, where they raised their family.

Bob worked for several years in print, broadcast, and photojournalism, reporting on everything from elections to sporting events and developing his passion for capturing life's pivotal moments in words and pictures. He then spent nearly 30 years working for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), both at Headquarters and the Salem Field Office, before retiring in 2004 and moving back to his childhood home.

Bob was a hobby enthusiast with a variety of lifelong interests he embraced with gusto. He was an accomplished photographer with a knack for snapping

candid photos of family and friends and developing his own prints in the dark room. He built a successful wedding photography business over the years and especially enjoyed lovingly documenting the weddings of his two children. He relished being a ham radio operator (KU7N): participating in Corvallis High School's ham radio club, getting his first license in the late '70s, and serving as a founding member of the McMinnville Amateur Radio Club in 1981. He was also an avid model railroad fan and collector and played trumpet in the OSU Alumni Band and the One More Time Around Again Marching Band, performing at such events as the Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade.

Bob was gregarious and friendly, always ready with an easy smile or a humorous toast. He loved sharing his passions and building community around his interests, resulting in a large and varied circle of friends. He encouraged that same enthusiasm in his children: playing music with them, taking them to comic book conventions on the weekends, and letting them loose in used bookstores for hours.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Betty, who passed away in 1999. He is survived by his daughter Sarah Kuhn of Los Angeles (and husband Jeffrey Chen), his son Steven Kuhn of Corvallis (and wife Marjorie Coffey), and his granddaughter Veronica.

A Celebration of Life will be held August 18, 10 am at McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St in Corvallis, OR. Donations in honor of Bob may be made to the Lee Wallace Kuhn Memorial Scholarship: <https://give.fororegonstate.org/QBAUKWHouL>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 18. 10:00 AM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR

Tribute Wall

HE

“ *Bob. From his sense of humor to his style, he was every endearing aspect of a dad--so proud of his children and ever-willing to treat you as one of his own. Surprisingly, he was also quite confident at whirling me around a ballroom floor. ... Did I mention his laugh? ... Such great memories! Love you, Chief. – h.*

Heather - September 12, 2023 at 09:44 PM

AC

“ *Bob is a very generous and fun person. We are grateful to have spent some memorable in-laws time together.*



Alice L Chen - August 15, 2023 at 02:02 PM

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Alice L Chen - August 15, 2023 at 01:21 PM

JH

“ *Bob was also a DJ in Corvallis when he was an OSU student. He knew so many songs from the 1960's and '70's. He loved to dance to Rock n Roll and we spent many fun hours dancing together.*

Jennell Hoehne - August 02, 2023 at 03:47 PM

JH

“ *Jennell Hoehne lit a candle in memory of Robert Kuhn* ”



Jennell Hoehne - August 02, 2023 at 03:43 PM

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McHenry - August 02, 2023 at 12:28 PM