



Terry Allen

December 21, 1951 - March 21, 2011

Terry Michael Allen passed away on Monday, March 21, 2011, after a courageous battle with brain cancer.

He was born on Dec. 21, 1951, in Corvallis to Ralph and Suzanne Allen.

Terry, a lifetime Corvallis resident, was a fifth-generation descendant from the original Allen settlers who arrived in Polk County in 1851 on the Oregon Trail. He attended Roosevelt and Adams grade schools, Western View Junior High School and Corvallis High School. In 1975, he graduated from Oregon State University, like his father and grandfather before him.

Terry spent most of the years from late college on working for his family's business. He designed, built and managed several of their properties, a job he loved from which he never wanted to retire.

He married Brigid M. Wiley in 1985. Their life revolved around their children, Patrick and Gregory. Terry and Brigid enjoyed traveling together and with family and friends. Terry's favorite destination was the Allen family cabin at Devils Lake in Lincoln City. One of his hobbies included boating, which he enjoyed and frequently did when at the cabin.

Terry is fondly remembered for his calm, quiet manner and dry wit.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was active in the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce, the Corvallis Country Club and the Rotary Club of Corvallis. Terry was a fan of the Oregon State Beavers and the Corvallis High School Spartans.

Terry's family has appreciated the kind thoughts and gestures from family and

friends through his illness. His faith and love of family sustained him. He is survived by his loving wife, Brigid; sons Patrick and Gregory; father, Ralph Allen; brother, Steve Allen; and many beloved in-laws, nieces and nephews. His mother, Suzanne Allen, preceded him in death in 1995.

Memorial services will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 501 N.W. 25th St. in Corvallis, with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Benton Hospice Service in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.