



## Thomas Youtsey

April 24, 1948 - April 19, 2009

Thomas Franklin Youtsey, 60 died Sunday at his home in Corvallis. Born April 24, 1948 in San Diego, California; he was the son of James A. Youtsey, Jr. and Agatha Kathleen Shelton Youtsey. The family migrated to the Alsea area when Thomas was about five years old. He attended Alsea schools and played football and basketball and participated in wrestling and track. During the summers, he worked in the farm fields doing hay, cleaning barns and changing irrigation pipes. He later worked in the saw mill during the summer and for the state forestry department. In his youth, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. After graduation from Alsea High School in 1966, Thomas joined the Marine Corps and attended Aviation school. He served on a helicopter squadron in Viet Nam and later as a helicopter pilot and mechanic in the reserves.

Thomas had an offbeat sense of humor and enjoyed constructing model trains and scenery in his leisure time. Although he faced many trials and struggles in his lifetime, he always maintained an optimistic attitude. Even in his last days, he continued to take outings with his friends, riding dune buggies and taking train rides. He will be remembered as an inspiration by those who knew and loved him—despite the challenges he faced, he was always striving to be a better person.

Preceded in death by his parents and his brother, James; Thomas is survived by his wife Cynthia; his children Mark, Mike, Kimberly, Jennifer, Earl, Vanessa, Brandon and Jonathan and 8 grandchildren.

Memorial donations in Thomas' name may be directed to the Shriners Hospital for Children or Doernbecher Children's Hospital in care of McHenry Funeral Home 206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR 97330. A private graveside inurnment will take place at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, April 29th at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Corvallis.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom's family and all who knew him.* ”

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