



## Timothy Fredericks

August 26, 1966 - August 22, 2022

Timothy David Fredericks died of heart failure at his home on August 22, 2022, four days before his 56th birthday. He was born in Corvallis, Oregon on August 26, 1966, the fifth child of Bud and Dot Fredericks. Diagnosed with Down Syndrome at birth, Tim changed our world. His parents quickly realized that there were no services available for his special needs. Bud then chose to go back to school and get his PhD in Special Education. Tim was able to travel the world with his parents as they taught others how to train and educate those with special needs.

Tim even went to the White House in 1986 to meet with Nancy Reagan in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the bill that passed allowing equal education of the disabled community. Tim attended Corvallis and Philomath schools in both special education and regular classes. He graduated with a diploma from Philomath High School in 1985. Tim was a member of Boy Scout Troop 161 in Philomath and received his Eagle Scout Award in 1984. His project was to go around to the area schools and speak about what it was like living with an extra chromosome. After graduating, Tim worked various jobs through Work Unlimited and Hendrickson Services. Due to increased dementia, Tim recently retired from Timberhill Athletic Club, where he had been a janitor for 23 years. He married the love of his life, Heather Hendrickson, on September 12, 1998 at St. Mary's in Albany, Oregon. For their 20th anniversary they took a trip to Las Vegas and renewed their vows surrounded by family. They would have celebrated

their 24th anniversary this month. Tim loved the OSU Beavers, WWF, bowling, Special Olympics, Slurpees, animals, art and music, but mostly his family, and his precious wife, Heather. His faith and love of Jesus was central to his life and he was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He would often use family gatherings as an opportunity to preach and play his banjo to his captive audience. He was well loved by all who knew him. Tim was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Steve, and his father-in-law, Kirk Hendrickson. He is survived by his wife, Heather, his mother-in-law, Diana, his sisters Wendy Hitchcock, Denise Rist, and Marcy Gregg, and 13 wonderful nieces and nephews and their children. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, October 30th, at 3 pm at the OSU Alumni Center in Corvallis. Please wear OSU garb or black and orange in honor of Tim's role as #1 Beaver fan. There will be time in the program for community sharing, so please bring your favorite memories and stories of Tim. We will, as Tim was known to say when departing any gathering, "Have fun."

## Cemetery Details

### **Mt. Union Cemetery**

Philomath, OR

## Previous Events

### **memorial**

OCT **30**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

OSU Alumni Center  
Corvallis, OR 97333

# Tribute Wall

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“ I got to know Tim through a special needs church group called CAPS and the summer part in June called CWAC. Many times, we saw each other at group and in Special Olympics, before leaving the bowling team. I enjoyed knowing Time and his wife Heather. Greatly miss him since Remembrance of him at CWAC during evening worship time and a little celebration of his life, at the same time

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**Matt Conklin** - July 09, 2025 at 01:03 AM

JT

“ I had the pleasure of working with Tim and Heather in the Christmas play as the coach for the readers. Tim was a hard worker with a keen sense of humor. I am so glad that I had the pleasure of getting to know Tim and Heather! He will be greatly missed!

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**Jane Traylor** - October 31, 2022 at 05:25 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of Tim’s passing . Our thoughts and prayers are with Heather and the family. Tim was a giant in his field! Jane and Bill Moore

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**Jane Moore** - September 06, 2022 at 10:15 PM