



## Timothy Blair Steele

March 29, 1941 - March 16, 2014

Tim Steele of Corvallis died of lung cancer at home, with his wife and a group of devoted friends at his side.

Tim was born in Stockton, Calif., and attended Oregon State University before finishing his degree in theatre at San Diego State University. After serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, he began a long career in the television industry. His many credits as a producer include the sitcom “Night Court.”

As he grew older, Tim’s early interest in ceramics became a passion, and he dedicated himself to the art and craft of making pottery. His pottery mentor was Hiroshi Ogawa of Elkton, and Tim frequently traveled from Los Angeles to Elkton to participate in the wood-firings there. This led to Tim and his wife, Kathy, moving to Corvallis in 2007.

Tim carried a love of Oregon State with him since leaving the university in the early 1960s. After returning to Corvallis, he and his wife made a lasting connection with the creative writing program at OSU. Tim treasured the new circle of friends he found through this association. He supported the Visiting Writers Series and helped make possible a third-year graduate research assistant position for Master of Fine Arts students.

Tim is survived by his wife, Kathy Brisker.

A memorial is being planned for the spring. Tim hoped that donations would be made to the Brisker-Steele Creative Writing Fund through the OSU Foundation.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Tim was a great influence on me when I had the pleasure of working with him on The Parent 'Hood.....I especially loved our Monday meetings when he would stretch out on the couch with his hands behind his head and listen to me complain..... Such a cool guy.....always on point.

*My condolences to Kathy and the family.*

*Kimberly Sizemore*

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**Kimberly J. Sizemore** - March 20, 2014 at 08:27 PM

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“ Tim was an important part of our wedding 47 years ago. His sense of humor and his friendship were both treasures. Geography kept us from getting together often but we were happy when Tim and Kathy visited us in Skaneateles. He made us special pottery that will continue to be part of our family reunions when memories and good food are shared. We send Hugs to Kathy and Tim's family. Love, Patti and Bud Carey

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**Patti Carey** - March 19, 2014 at 02:48 PM