



Aaron Richard Shannon

October 1, 1939 - December 21, 2009

Aaron 'Buz' Shannon Oct. 1, 1939 — Dec. 21, 2009 Aaron Richard "Buz" Shannon of Corvallis died of a stroke Monday, Dec. 21, at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. He was 70.

Buz was born in Tillamook to Roy and Doris Shannon. When he was 5, his family moved to Jordan Valley to run a cattle ranch. He graduated from a one-room school house there in 1957. Later that year he moved to Corvallis to attend Oregon State University. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business.

While in college, he supported himself by working in the Christmas tree business. This eventually became his lifelong passion, and he remained involved in the industry until his death. Buz was a "cowboy renaissance man" and read extensively on many subjects, including history (especially the American old west), geology, philosophy and nature. He was a loyal Beaver fan and a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Buz is survived by his companion of 11 years, Marilyn McCracken of Corvallis; daughters Kris Miller of Salem and Britta Weitman and Meaghan Newell, both of Stayton; nephew Clint Walther of Corvallis; niece Lisa Walther of Boise, Idaho; sister Linda Nelson of Nampa, Idaho; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Mary's River Grange, 24689 Grange Hall Road in Philomath. Arrangements were made with DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory, www.demossdurdan.com.

Comments



“ I didn't know Buz personally but he was a well known guy in our community. I drove a xmas tree truck for him 30+ years ago. I wish you all well.

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“ Wow . . . Never think any of my longtime and distant friends would ever be gone. My wife, Sharon, and I, lived with Buz on his tree farm back in 1970, after graduating from college at OSU. I contact him probably about every 10 or 15 years to say hi and keep in touch. Just found out he is no longer here. I have pleasant memories.

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