



## Ed Bomber

November 12, 1959 - October 2, 2008

Edward Paul Bomber of Corvallis died Thursday, Oct. 2. He was 48.

Ed lived a life of high energy, passion and commitment. He distinguished himself early in life by graduating from Central Catholic High School in Portland. His academic and athletic achievements landed him a scholarship to Notre Dame University where he competed on the cross country and track teams. A true Oregonian and lifelong Beaver, he completed his engineering studies and continued running at Oregon State University.

After a brief career in the mining industry, Ed began a long tenure in engineering and marketing with Hewlett Packard in the San Francisco Bay Area, Germany, Vancouver, Wash., and Corvallis. He maintained a high level of fitness, competing at a national level in running races from the mile to the marathon.

He met Kay Zupan and together they have raised a family of four active and happy children: Paul, Gavin, Joanna and Allyson. As a family they have been involved in the Catholic Church, from teaching children's education to serving coffee and donuts and singing at retirement homes. They have also been involved in supporting the education in their children's schools: Philomath Montessori, Adams Elementary, Ashbrook Independent School and Linus Pauling Middle School.

Ed's passion for sport and community spirit resulted in the recent opening of Northwest Multisports, a triathlon store he envisioned as a resource for anyone involved in improving their fitness. In recent years, he was a top age group finisher in many triathlons including the Idaho and Canada Ironman races. Family trips often focused on participation in triathlons, hikes and long bike rides with Kay and Ed as each other's biggest fans. He was a competitor, a mentor, and an inspiration to the many athletes he befriended.

Ed and Kay remained close with their many family members with events in the Portland area and annual family gathering throughout the western United States.

Ed was preceded in death by his father, Francis. He is survived by his loving wife, Kay; children Paul, Gavin, Joanna and Allyson; mother Marian; and siblings Robert, Andrew, Stephen, Ann, Cathy and Dorothy.

A funeral Mass will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis. Father John Henderson will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Girls on the Run, c/o KidSpirit,

125 Langton Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331.

# Comments

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Dear Kay,

I am so thankful for knowing Ed for over the past 12 years. Ed will always be one of the most kindest, gentle-hearted people I have ever met. I was so blessed last fall when he and I took a two-day class together. They broke the class into tables of four people, and Ed and I happened to get seated at the same table. This allowed us to catch up on our lives, as we'd both been in various marketing jobs over the years - usually several buildings away from each other (not running into each other that often). I now cherish those two days. How lucky was I!

I will be bringing HP Snapfish gift cards (for free prints) to the service on Wednesday - so you can hand out cards to the family. Also, I am going to bring you a gift certificate so you can make some wonderful photo gifts with pictures of that great "Ed smile."

I cannot imagine your state of shock. My prayers are with you and your loved ones.

Only know I will be there to support you and your family any way I can.

Bless you,

Amy Messner and Family

**Amy Messner** - October 05, 2008 at 04:40 PM