



Marshall B. Field

May 22, 1941 - July 12, 2019

Marshall “Butch” Field

1941 – 2019

Butch, or Marshall as he was professionally known, passed away on July 12 after a sudden illness. He loved his home in the trees outside of Corvallis, where he lived with his late and beloved wife Marie for 40 years. He was very independent, and over the years pursued an eclectic array of interests including horseback riding, sculpture, gardening, construction, wildflower identification, and tinkering with machinery. He loved hiking and riding in McDonald Forest; his dozens of self-made mix tapes and CDs included songs from country, folk, punk rock, Bob Dylan, Pink Martini, and opera. He was a member of Oregon Equestrian Trails and neighborhood groups, and participated in the Benton County Mounted Sheriff’s Posse and search and rescue team.

While a farmer at heart, Butch thrived in his career as a scientist, launched at Ohio’s Wilmington College, where he met Marie, and was awarded his graduate degree in math and physics at Oregon State University. He lived in Ohio and Pennsylvania working in research and development for Owens-Illinois and related companies before returning to Corvallis. He worked for more than 25 years at Hewlett Packard where he helped create many new techniques and products, with more than 26 patents issued, and subsequently at Perpetua, where he worked with thermoelectric generators. Butch often expressed his admiration and appreciation for the intelligence of his colleagues and was grateful for the opportunities he had to work in research and manufacturing.

He is survived and deeply missed by his daughter, Jean Field, her long-term partner Tim Redmond, and grandchildren Vivian and Michael Redmond. He would wish to thank all the neighbors, friends, and colleagues who engaged and supported him, particularly in the years since Marie passed away.

Comments



“ Butch was our next-door neighbor for over 30 years, and a better neighbor you can not imagine. He was always there with a helping hand, or a chainsaw--whichever was needed. While a quiet guy, Butch was unfailingly kind, respectful, and friendly if encouraged. Though he never offered unsolicited advice he was a great one for a conversation about how to fix anything from your septic tank to your roof! Despite a painful knee, he cut a path between our properties so we could come and go more easily just last year, and was often to be seen out working on his property. We socialized over many dinners, and thoroughly enjoyed his company; we think of Butch often and miss him very much.

Sincerely, Ann Shriver and Larry Lev

Ann Shriver - August 16, 2019 at 06:08 PM



“ My wife and I are so sorry to hear about Butch's passing. I will very much miss our weekly Starbucks coffee meeting where we settled (mostly) all of the affairs of the world. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean and family. Jan and Tom Peterson

Tom Peterson - July 31, 2019 at 10:42 PM



“ I too had the pleasure of working with Marshall at HP, along with Paul McClelland and lots of other "interesting" technologist. May have very well been the best experience of my entire career with the company. Marshall was such an awesome engineer and person. I learned a ton from him, and he was a person inside and outside of work that was truly liked and respected. He will be missed but not forgotten. Glen Hopkins

Glen Hopkins - July 29, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ Butch was a wonderful outdoors man. Both Butch and Marie were some of the first folks we met when we joined OET. A man of great knowledge to building trails and working with the forest service and parks personal.
He will be greatly missed.
Jacque Lusk

Jacque Lusk - July 28, 2019 at 07:00 PM



“ Chuck Leith & I knew Butch since 1982, joined OET & the Benton County Mounted Posse, spent time doing search & rescue plus parking cars on horseback at OSU football games. Even got to serve as security on horseback when Jessie Jackson spoke at Gill Coliseum. Many camping/riding trips with Butch & Marie in beautiful areas of the state, helped with many work parties at Quinn Meadow, quite a number of which were headed up by Butch, our favorite horse camp. We are happy to have so many good memories of Butch, what a wonderful man. Carolyn Harper

Carolyn K Harper - July 27, 2019 at 01:41 PM



“ I loved this guy.. My first memory of Marshall was in 1981 or 1982.. We were trying to make a new device that would change the 'world'..and I needed Marshall. After the explanation and "over eager" expression of how important this was ... Yeh, , we are just pimples on the "Ass of Progress". He was right as always. One day at Perpetua (which we were co-founders) He said.."You got a lot of Ideas..once in awhile you have a good one!" That was Marshall and I love him. His grip was strong that week when we met in Winco..I am shocked.. Great jump Butch!

Paul McClelland - July 26, 2019 at 12:02 AM