



## Robert Eugene Westlund

July 25, 1934 - May 14, 2016

WESTLUND, Robert Eugene

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Robert Eugene Westlund, 81, passed away peacefully in Corvallis, OR on May 14, 2016. He was born in Alhambra, CA on July 25, 1934 to Lelah and Walter Eugene Westlund.

He spent his early years attending schools in the Alhambra School District, then attended UCSB, where he received his B.S. in 1956, Master's in 1957. He then served as an aviation officer in the US Navy.

A gifted communicator, Bob was known to recognize humor in his business dealings and amongst his many friends. He was a valued member of the Oregon State University Foundation for nearly 22 years, retiring as vice president for principal gifts to athletics in 2013. He was instrumental in the major facility improvements of Reser Stadium, the Valley Football Center, the Merritt-Truax Indoor Center, Prothro Football Complex, and Goss Stadium at Coleman Field.

Early in his career Bob served as vice president of W.M. Keck Jr. Foundation in Los Angeles, and director and vice president of the Keck family's Coalinga Corporation. He was the development director at the University of Southern California School of Business from 1975-80, and later the executive director for the southern California region 1980-85.

Bob was preceded in death by his daughter, Alison Hester, and his son Ross Lewis Westlund, as well as his parents. Bob is survived by his grandchildren Madeline and Toby Hester, son-in-law Bryan Hester, sister Janice (Bingham) Cherrie, and nephews Matthew (Eva) Cherrie and Daniel (Carolyn) Cherrie. Also his former wife & friend Wendy Ross, and many wonderful cousins, nieces, nephews, family and friends whose lives have been touched by this funny and kind man. Our family is extremely grateful to Jennifer and Dave

Milburn and Mike Brantley and Kay Yates for their wonderful friendship and amazing support of Bob in his last year.

The OSU Foundation will hold a Celebration of Bob's Life on June 20, 2016, 3 to 5 p.m. in the Loge at Reser Stadium. Gifts in Bob's memory may be made to the Nature Conservancy of Oregon, [www.nature.org/oregon](http://www.nature.org/oregon). Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.demossdurdan.com](http://www.demossdurdan.com).

# Events

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**JUN**   **Celebration of Life**                      03:00PM - 05:00PM  
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Reser Stadium  
Oregon State University 660 SW 26th Street, Corvallis, OR, US, 97331

# Comments

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“ I'm sorry to read of Bob's passing. I knew Bob during his days at USC.

A wonderfully kind and genuine human. It was an honor to know him.

I know you're resting in peace Bob. You will be greatly missed.

Tere Van Diest



**tere van diest** - August 13, 2016 at 10:41 PM

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“ Bob I am going to miss you my friend. I will miss your sense of humor, your friendship and most of all, our one on one chat. The memories we've shared during your time at OSU will be cherished. I will treasure all the moments, both good and bad. I will miss teasing you about your posture, and all your technical expertise . Rest in peace Watusi! Till we meet again. God speed.

**Daisy Clifton** - June 30, 2016 at 01:29 AM

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“ Bob Westlund was a neighbor for many years on Vineyard Mountain. He was one of the most kind and genuine individuals I have ever known. His infectious smile, great sense of humor and outgoing personality made him instantly likeable and a friend for life. Always quick with a compliment he was interested in what was going on in your life but so humble he rarely spoke about himself. He treated our young children at the time like his own. We are very sad about his passing but we will never forget our friend, Bob Westlund. Rest in peace Bob.

Tom Pape  
Corvallis, OR

**Tom Pape** - June 15, 2016 at 01:16 PM

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Lynda Wolfenbarger - June 02, 2016 at 02:16 PM

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“ When I was hired by the Oregon State University Foundation in 2014 to work as the Chief Athletics Fundraiser, a position that Mr. Westlund had held at OSU, I remember the first call of congratulations I received was from this kind, humble and humorous man. Every time I would see him at a sporting event, he was so supportive and complimentary of our efforts to help support student athletes. Bob Westlund left his fingerprints all over the athletic campus at OSU. In a career of more than 20 years he was instrumental in major facility improvements including the expansion of Reser Stadium, the Valley Football Center, the Merritt-Truax Indoor Center, the Prothro Football Complex and Goss Stadium at Coleman Field.

In the short period of time I had the pleasure of knowing Bob Westlund I learned to respect and appreciate so much his sense of humor and his complete devotion to donors. He accomplished a great deal at OSU and yet he never looked to be singled out for the success. Oregon State University Athletics benefitted in so many ways from the work that Bob Westlund did and for that we will forever be grateful. May he now rest in eternal peace. 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' Matthew 25:23

Jim Patterson  
Oregon State University Athletics

Jim Patterson - May 20, 2016 at 10:14 AM