



Kendall C. Hilton

June 12, 1947 - October 4, 2015

Kendall Charles (Ken) Hilton, 68, died Sunday, October 4, 2015 in Corvallis. Ken was born June 12, 1947 at the US Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, the first son of the late Howard K. Hilton and Alma E. Hilton (nee Eaton). He enlisted in the US Air Force in 1968 and achieved the rank of Tech Sergeant (E5). He saw duty in Vietnam for a full year; his specialty was surveying and site development, performing his job in forward areas prior to a base being built. Following an honorable discharge, he enrolled at Oregon State University, earning two undergraduate degrees - a BS in Forestry and a BA in Accounting.

After working for a few years, he returned to OSU and completed a BS degree in Civil Engineering. With his three degrees and two professional licenses (surveyor and engineer), he began work as a Highway Engineer for the State of Oregon. After 20 years with ODOT and rising to District Manager, Ken retired.

Ken was a long time member of, and board member for, the Corvallis First United Methodist Church. He filled many volunteer roles for FUMC over the years, including building project manager, business manager, and treasurer. He contributed time to mission work, overseeing construction of a community center and other building projects in Guatemala. Needing more stimulation in retirement Ken and his wife Norma purchased Wild Birds Unlimited Corvallis.

Ken was an avid birder (life list of 952 birds), and an expert on forest trees of the Pacific Northwest.

He is survived by Norma Taylor, his wife of 38 years, their son Brian and grandson Shayden, brothers Harold (Cynthia Silverstein) and Edgar of Wisconsin, his aunt Frances E. Skinner of Albuquerque, NM, several nieces and nephews, and many cousins.

Memorial service will be October 26, 2015 at 1:00 pm Corvallis FUMC, 1165 NW Monroe, Corvallis, OR 97330. Memorials in Ken's name can be addressed to Corvallis FUMC.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our sincere condolences to Norma, Brian and the family. We remember Ken as being so very welcoming and kind to us as we began our journey to opening our Eugene Wild Birds Unlimited store, as he and Norma shared insights, ideas and "how-to"s so graciously with us. Ken was sharp, kind and very thoughtful as we asked questions at our first visit as we considered this path, and his kindness and support will always be remembered.*

Barbara & Dan Gleason - October 06, 2015 at 02:01 AM