



## Steven E. Carpenter

October 15, 1951 - June 9, 2020

Steven E. Carpenter, age 68, died Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at his Philomath home. Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.demosdurdan.com](http://www.demosdurdan.com)

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ Steve will be missed! I first met Steve when he started working on the Wildflowers of Bald Hill's Meadows guide, which he generously dedicated to Greenbelt Land Trust. He was always so energetic and loved to talk flowers. I truly enjoyed every conversation I had with him. He continued to volunteer with Greenbelt's volunteer naturalist program, giving selflessly his time and expertise. My thoughts are with his family.

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**Jessica McDonald** - July 30, 2020 at 05:42 PM

LS

“ Steve and I hung out together in Ithaca in the 70's when he was in grad school. Great guy to share good times. My condolences to his family. Another man gone too soon.  
Lowrie Sargent, Camden Maine

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**Lowrie B Sargent** - June 22, 2020 at 02:55 PM

CB

“ My world is a sadder place now that Steve is not with us. I met Steve, aka Dr. Dust, at HP in the early 1990s. He taught me and a number of other people in the analytical laboratory how to do epifluorescence microscopy, a technique used to enumerates bacteria. Five years later I started my own business based on the technique Steve taught me. The company grew into a full-fledged laboratory, Pacific Analytical Laboratory. Fifteen years later Steve bought the business and it came full circle. You will always be in my heart, Steve, as will Patty. My life is better having you both in it.

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**Chris Baker** - June 17, 2020 at 11:17 PM

JM

“ We were so sorry to hear of the passing of a really nice person. He was always friendly and open to a chat with everyone. We will miss his presence and we send Patty and her family our deepest condolences. May memories warm your heart and may knowing that others care bring you peace.

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**John and Sharroin de Montigny** - June 15, 2020 at 06:39 PM

BL

“ Steve was such an amazing guy, so knowledgeable yet understated at the same time. Will miss his his corny puns and warm smile ...

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**Bob Lillie** - June 14, 2020 at 06:46 PM

JD

“ Steve had such a warm, hearty laugh. He always made you feel welcomed.

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**Joe Dody** - June 13, 2020 at 08:42 PM

CO

“ A few years ago I was at Mary's Peak on an 8th grade field trip. It was a beautiful May day. As I walked up the hill with a group of students I ran into Steve as he was teaching about flowers to the various groups. I'm not sure what happened to my student group, but he and I stood there for quite a while just talking and looking at the views. That is how I will always remember him, on that beautiful May day, standing on Mary's Peak looking west toward the Pacific Ocean.  
Patty, my heart goes out to you and your family. Love Carla.

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**Carla Olson** - June 13, 2020 at 07:22 PM

MT

*I am very sorry to learn this news. I remember Steve and Patty from when I would drop off my water sample to be tested. We would talk about what ever was happening in Philomath and the schools. You will be missed and Patty my prayers and thoughts go to you and your family during this time. 🙏😭🙏*

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**mary torgerson** - June 14, 2020 at 01:29 AM

SC

“*Steve, aka Dr. Dust at HP was a good friend, always smiling and his curious mind linked with mine in a love of Firesign Theater. I will miss that. He helped me with Snell Hall worries at OSU and I will always remember him. Prayers to Patty and family.*  
*Sid Cooper*

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**Sidney Cooper** - June 13, 2020 at 12:17 PM

JS

“*Long ago I worked with Steve at the Forestry Sciences Lab looking at the fungi and insects involved in the decay processes in logs in the forests of the Cascades. It was always fun chatting with Steve about his interests and the intriguing way he connected different subjects. I always thought of him as a “renaissance man” combining wide interests in nature, science, art, and technology. In later encounters I heard about his guide books for Marys Peak, which I bought in local shops. His photography and writing provides a guide to understanding and appreciating the small wonders of nature that he knew well and wished to share with people. My thoughts are with your family as I recall the interesting times I shared with Steve.*

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**Jay M Sexton** - June 13, 2020 at 12:03 PM

SM

“ Steve had such a deep passion for his work. I have never known anyone that enjoyed what they did so much! It was a privilege to work for him. I am so very sorry for your loss.

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**Sarah Miller** - June 13, 2020 at 11:38 AM

AO

“ A kind and generous man, he will be sorely missed. Prayers for his loving family.

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**Ann Ossinger** - June 12, 2020 at 11:40 PM