

Obituaries

Raymond Robert Hatton

February 4, 1932 – March 4, 2015

Raymond Robert (Ray) Hatton passed away peacefully on March 4, in Eugene, with his wife, Sylvia, by his side. He was 83.

Ray was an educator, author, and well-known long-distance runner. He earned degrees in education and geography from University of Idaho and the University of Oregon. He was an award-winning college geography professor for many years. Ray wrote 10 books on Oregon geography, history, and climatology. In the 1970s and 1980s, he won numerous masters-level running championships and set world and American records in several long-distance running events.

Ray was born February 4, 1932 in Lichfield, England, to Eric Richard Hatton and Margaret Curry Hatton. Ray began competitive running in 1943. Running with the Birchfield Harriers, he ran a 4:11 mile and 8:57 two-mile on a cinder track. In 1952, he represented England in the International Cross Country Championships in Glasgow, Scotland. He married Sylvia Grace Harvey on February 7, 1953 in Hammerwich, England. Ray and Sylvia moved to the United States in 1956 for Ray to attend the University of Idaho on a track and cross-country scholarship. In 1959, he won the Pacific Coast Conference cross-country championship. He graduated from the University of Idaho in 1960 with a bachelor of science degree in education. He then went on to acquire a masters degree in education from the University of Idaho, completing his post-graduate work in 1966.

Ray and Sylvia moved to Sacramento, California, in 1960, where Ray taught at Don Julio Jr. High School until 1969.

In 1969, Ray earned a master of arts in geography from University of Oregon. His master's thesis was on the impact of tourism on Central Oregon. Later that year, he joined the faculty at Central Oregon Community College. As a member of the faculty, his academic interests included economics, cultural geography, land use, and climatology. In 1973, he published his first book, a study of the weather and climate of Bend.

He received a doctorate degree in geography from the University of Oregon in 1989. In 1990, Ray received Central Oregon Community College's



Faculty Achievement Award. During his tenure at Central Oregon Community College, he published six books on Oregon geography, history, and climatology. He retired from Central Oregon Community College in 1993. As a professor emeritus, he continued to research and write about Oregon, and wrote several more books, including "Sisters Country Weather and Climate" (1994) and "Oregon's Sisters Country" (1996). Over the years, Ray's research, including numerous first-person field interviews, has played an important role in preserving Central Oregon's pioneer history.

In addition to teaching geography at Central Oregon Community College, and writing historical geography and weather and climate books, Ray continued to compete in elite running events. During the 1970s and 1980s, he won national championship races and set a number of American long-distance running records in masters-level competitions.

After back surgery in 1992, Ray retired from competitive running on the track, but continued to compete each year in one of his favorite races, the Steens Mountain Rim Run in Southeastern Oregon.

Ray was inducted into the USA Track and Field Masters Hall of Fame in 2001. As of today, four of his American age-group records still stand.

In addition to long-distance running, his recreational interests included hiking, cross-country skiing and mountain climbing.

Ray is survived by wife Sylvia of Bend; his son, R. Peter Hatton (wife Tana) of Bend; and his daughter, Janice Hatton (husband Charlie Wilshire), of Eugene, and six grandchildren.

A memorial service with a reception following will be held Sunday, April 26, at 1 p.m. at Central Oregon Community College, Campus Center – Wille Hall, 2600 College Way, Bend. It will be a time to remember Ray's immense impact on so many and share stories of a life well-lived.

Randy Cooper

June 25, 1947 – March 29, 2015

Randy Cooper of Sisters passed away suddenly on March 29, 2015, Palm Sunday, from an acute pulmonary embolus.

Randy was born in Chicago, Illinois, 67 years ago and leaves behind his devoted wife, Marlene Dumas, of Sisters; his brother-in-law, Kevin Dumas, of Sisters; and his (other) "mom," Marjorie Dumas Mumford, of Bend. Randy also leaves behind a daughter from his first marriage, Wendy Cooper Velasquez of Joshua Tree, California; and his brothers, Robert Cooper of Chicago, Illinois; and Wayne Cooper, of Pennsylvania.

Randy was preceded in death by his parents, Dale Joan Cooper and Mitchell Cooper, of Wildwood, Illinois.

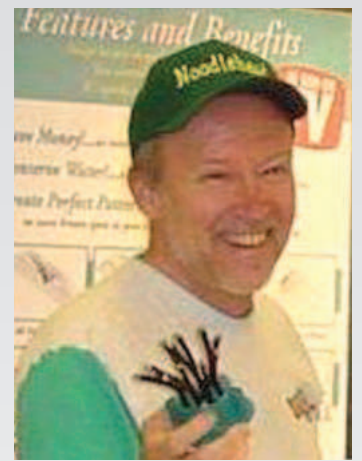
Randy was that rare combination of artistic genius and engineering brilliance blessed with an insatiable drive to find the absolute best way to do just about anything. His intellectual curiosity and designing talent, coupled with boundless energy, led him to develop several inventions. After moving to California from Illinois, Randy met and fell in life-long love with Marlene and enjoyed a successful career as a designer and engineer. Randy ultimately went on to become an inventor, and held several U.S. patents. Randy's most successful invention is the patented award-winning "Noodlehead" sprinkler, an ingenious lawn and garden sprinkler that won "Best New Product of the Year" at the International Hardware Show and became an international sensation. Randy brought his innovative sprinkler to Oregon where his invention thrived when he and Marlene relocated to Sisters from California in 2001.

Besides Randy's prolific engineering feats, he had an all-consuming passion for cars. Randy built and painted

several dozen cars in his lifetime and was a true "gearhead" fanatic. Randy adored Corvairs, and he owned several that he customized. An early favorite he built was the award-winning V8 mid-engine custom Corvair he dubbed the "Tangerine Dream." Randy also restored several classic vehicles, restomod muscle cars, and several cool hot rods as well.

In addition to all the energy, ambition, and drive Randy lavished on the Noodlehead business and his many custom car projects, he cherished gardening and was proud to have his lovely gardens featured on the annual Sisters Home and Garden Tour a few years ago.

Randy was endlessly innovating new ideas and had several projects in the works at any given time. A friend that worked with him recently observed that Randy accomplished more in just one day than most people could in a week, and his work ethic was a true inspiration. When asked why the relentless desire to improve virtually everything he encountered; Randy would reply "he just wanted to make the world a better place." And

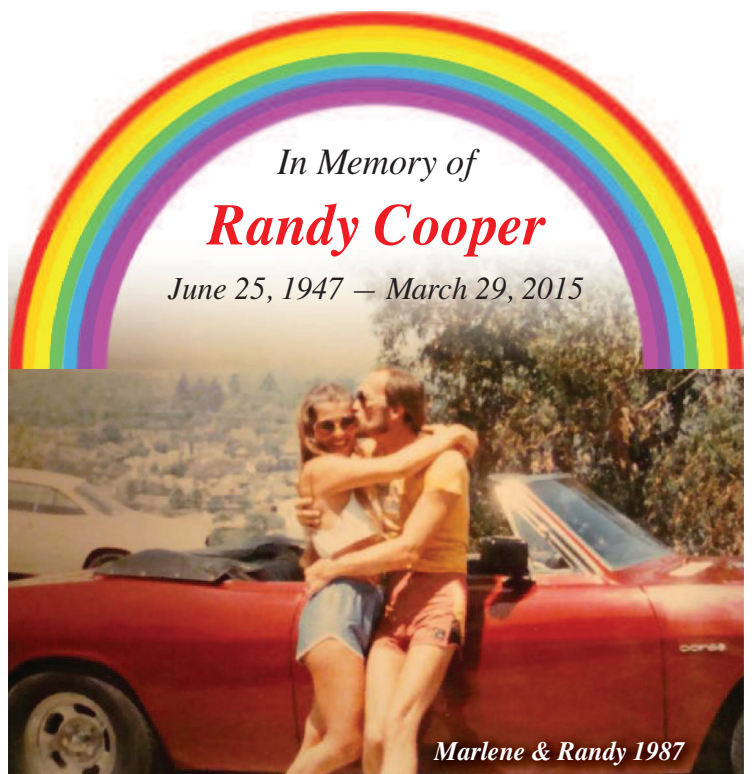


that he certainly did.

Above all, Randy was a lively and generous spirit, with a quick wit and bright smile, whom many considered their "best" friend.

Marlene always believed in Randy's genius and no matter the idea, was his biggest supporter. Though 99.9% of inventions fail to become marketable, Marlene never doubted that Randy's Noodlehead would become a success against astronomical odds. For his part, Randy's love and devotion to his wife was truly something special to behold, and as she says "she was the luckiest girl in the world" to be blessed with his enduring love for so many years.

A celebration of Randy's remarkable life in honor of his memory and legacy will be held in his beautiful gardens at a later date.



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