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Hank Stack, 1917-2002

Hank Stack died from complications after heart surgery July 31 in Portland. He was 84.

He grew up in the Ozark foothills of Missouri and St. Louis before earning his bachelor's degree from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. After moving to Portland in 1947, he received a state of Oregon Certified Public Accountant Certificate.

Almost completely deaf since age 6 and an expert lip reader, Stack began signing the morning news updates on KGW-TV in 1971, long before the advent of closed-captioning technology. His reports provided thousands of deaf Oregonians with critical information.

He taught at Portland Community College

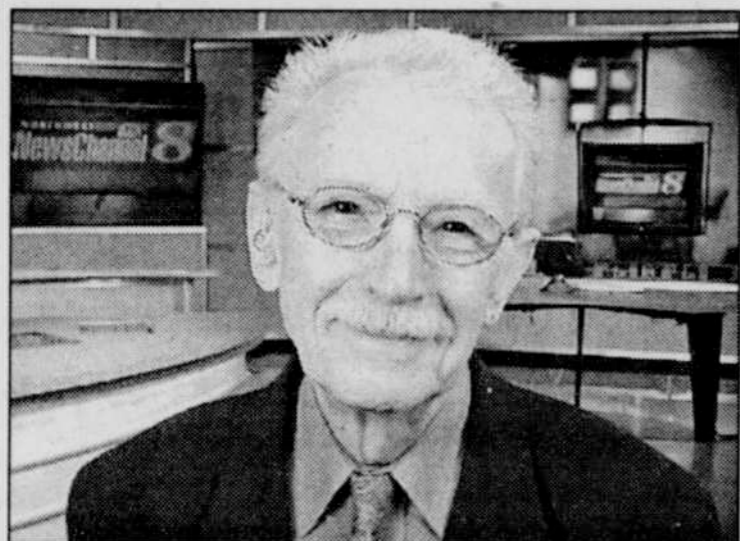


PHOTO COURTESY OF KGW-TV in the sign language studies and interpreter training programs for 20 years. In addition, he founded Northwest Theater of the Deaf, a community group using sign language for the hearing-impaired.

A widower, Stack was one of seven gay and lesbian seniors saluted during the Portland Gay Men's Chorus *Vintage Voices* concerts in March. The Oregon School for the Deaf honored him with a Lifetime Achievement Award in May.

He is survived by his daughters, Sharon, Kelly Magee and Holly.

Services will be held 4 p.m. Aug. 3 at Washington School for the Deaf's Lloyd Auditorium, 611 Grand Blvd. in Vancouver.

David W. Goller, 1947-2002

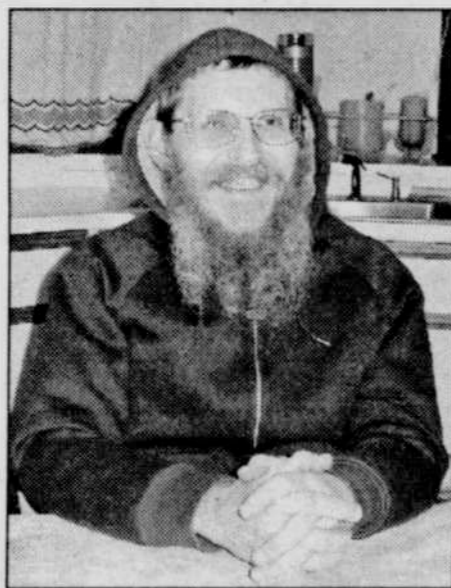
David Walter Goller died July 12 at his home in Portland surrounded by loved ones. He was 54.

He was born Sept. 17, 1947, in Passaic, N.J., to Walter W. and Mildred Goller. He resided in Bloomfield, N.J., until he left to attend Michigan State University, where he earned a degree in forestry. He then moved to Oregon to work as a forester, mostly for the U.S. Forest Service.

Goller became aware he was gay while living in Oakridge and moved to Portland in 1976. He soon got a job as a mail handler for the U.S. Postal Service, where he worked for 20 years.

In 2001, he was diagnosed with colon cancer. He survived much longer than predicted because he kept himself in good shape.

Goller was known as a very stoic man whose



few words were often wise. He was also kind, generous and an avid gardener, taught by his grandmother at an early age. His interest in plants extended to trees and wildflowers, which he loved to identify on his many hikes. He enjoyed hanging out at Gail's Dirty Duck Tavern and drinking beer on Sunday afternoons.

He is survived by his partner, Jeff Richard of Portland; father, Walter W. of North Andover, Mass.; and numerous other friends and relatives.

A remembrance circle to honor Goller's life was held July 26 at his home. In lieu of flowers, send donations to the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation, 2705 E. Burnside St., Suite 210, Portland, OR 97214.

Jeffrey S. Williamson, 1970-2002

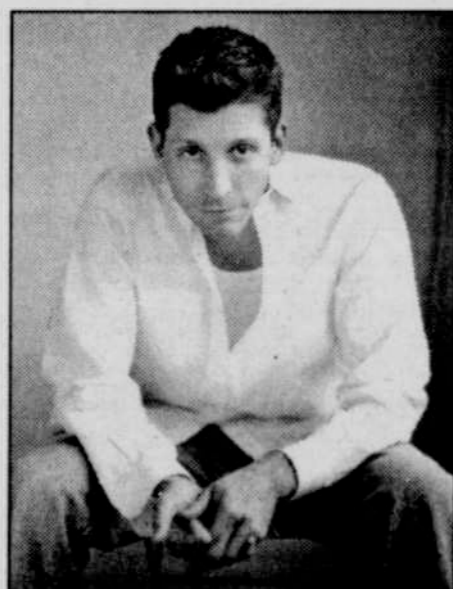
Jeffrey Scott Williamson died of AIDS July 12 in Tucson, Ariz. He was 32.

He was born Jan. 31, 1970, in Great Falls, Mont., where he lived until he was 8. He then moved to Helena, Mont.

Williamson was an exchange student in Brazil during his junior year of high school. He was a state champion in speech in the humorous oral interpretation category.

He worked as a group home leader, a salesman at a large department store and a manager of a paper store while attending Lewis & Clark College in Portland. During his professional career he was a Web site marketer, a sales manager for a luxury transportation company, a marketing director for a telecommunications networking company and a caterer.

Williamson will be remembered for his late-night seven-course meals. He loved to spend the



entire evening cooking, talking with friends and having a good time.

In his last month he started putting ideas together for a cookbook. His family asks that you forward your favorite recipe that he prepared for you or that you prepared for him along with the story of the time you enjoyed that meal. These recipes and stories will be put together for a cookbook in his memory.

Williamson is survived by his brother, G. Todd of Bozeman, Mont.; nephews, Geran Todd and Elliott Jeffrey; father, Gary C. of Great Falls; and mother, Barbara L. Bartell of Tucson.

Services were held July 26 at First United Methodist Church. Remembrances may be made to the Jeffrey Scott Williamson Memorial Fund at First Interstate Bank, P.O. Box 10910, Bozeman, MT 59719.

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