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After 28 years together, Martha Lassen (left) and Suzanne Sullivan were married in an afternoon ceremony March 9 at Multnomah County Courthouse. Judge Linda Bergman officiated in her chambers. A champagne reception followed at their home.

The witnesses were longtime friends Candace Clement and Robert Berstler of Portland. In attendance were family and friends Kathy and Arthur Roberts, Joe Schiwiek, Tam Driscoll and Geoff Roach and their daughter Devan Roach.

Lassen is the daughter of the late Ruth and Ted Lassen of Portland. A graduate of Cleveland High School, she has been a professional nanny with a family for many years.

Sullivan is the daughter of the late Mary and Jerry Sullivan of Boston. She studied journalism at colleges in California and Oregon. A member of the Portland business community for many years, she works as a sales and marketing consultant.



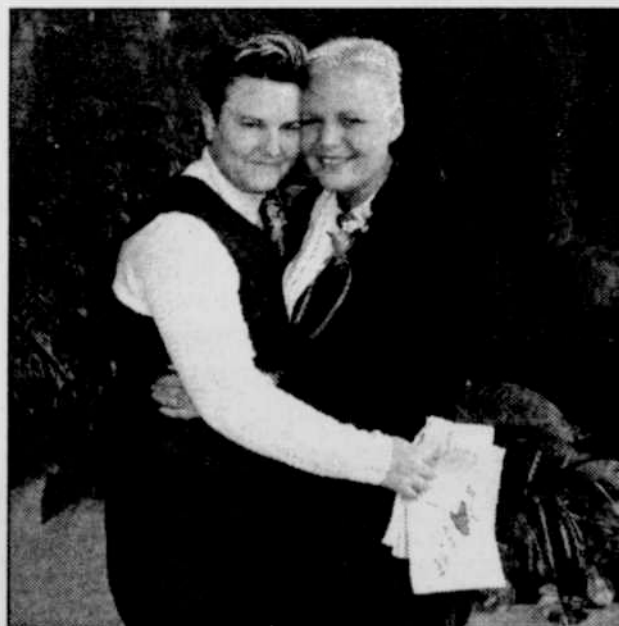
Ed Cunningham (left) and Jeff Fisher were married March 7 in an evening ceremony at Theater! Theatre! Nearly 70 friends and family members attended the ceremony.

Fisher, an internationally recognized graphic designer and writer, is the owner of Jeff Fisher LogoMotives. A self-proclaimed "computer geek with social skills," Cunningham is the information technology manager for the Portland and Seattle offices of the international law firm Holland & Knight. The couple, who live in North Portland, have been together for 14 years.

The Rev. Kristin Sue Kelly—who was Cunningham's prom date 20 years ago—and her husband, the Rev. Timothy J. Kelly, of the Universal Life Church performed the ceremony. Their daughter Tess was a ring princess for the event. Eleanor Kemp, the daughter of friends Havlin and Dorothy Kemp, was also a ring princess.

A reception was held after the ceremony at the theater, which is the home of triangle productions! Two additional receptions were hosted the week after the wedding by the Portland office of Holland & Knight.

The couple ask that those wishing to recognize their marriage make donations to Basic Rights Oregon or the Portland Relief Nursery.



Beverly D. Patterson (left) and Staci T. Lutes of Battle Ground, Wash., were legally wed Nov. 26 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The union was witnessed by their four children, Dazmon, 12, Krystin, 11, Brook, 10, and Jessie 6; close friends Michelle Neely and Erick Sears; and God.

Patterson attended Hug High School in Reno, Nev., and is employed by the U.S. Postal Service. Lutes attended Battle Ground High School.

The couple have been together "since realizing that life is much more beautiful together and that we are literally the perfect fit," they told *Just Out*. "We would like to offer a special thanks to our parents Vicki Jackson and Ken Lutes for understanding why we waited to tell them until the 'deed was done' and to two of our siblings, Teresa Jackson and Roy Lutes, for not telling our parents—at least until after the ceremony. The commitment of our hearts and souls and the legal recognition in British Columbia were cause for much celebration, but with each step forward in the fight for marriage equality, there is another celebration in our hearts and home."

A reception is tentatively planned for November.



Catha Loomis (left) and Mary Anne Joyce were legally married March 7 in a double wedding with dear friends Peggy McComb and Karen Cameron. The brief ceremony, held in McComb and Cameron's home, reaffirmed marriage vows previously made by both couples. Minister Jason Blumklotz officiated.

Loomis and Joyce, who live in Southeast Portland, have been partnered for 13 years. They were married May 25, 2003, by the Rev. David Maynard at Eastrose Fellowship Unitarian Universalist, where they are members.

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