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March 29, 1964-June 19, 2011

With his strong bear hug, dazzling smile and zest for life, Jose Israel Ornelas could immediately fill up a room with love and laughter. He met his partner of 18 years, Al Munguia, in Jose Israel's hometown of Guadalajara, Mexico. The two moved to San Diego shortly thereafter and later relocated to Portland, where Jose Israel left his mark in the hearts of everyone he encountered.

Jose Israel lived his life to the fullest, enjoying time with family and friends, and never forgetting to tell people how much he loved them. This was the gift he brought to everything he did. It reminded people of what matters most and to enjoy their time together.

In 2006, he became a founding member of Portland Latino Gay Pride (PLGP). Sharing stories of past experiences, he brought up "mariposa/butterfly" as a term he had been called. The "mariposa" is often used in Spanish as a negative reference to someone gay. PLGP decided to transform this to a positive and empowering image. It became the official symbol of the organization, thanks to Jose Israel.

His continued involvement with PLGP was critical to the growth and success of each celebration. He reminded us of the need to reach out to all segments of the community, to entertain, and of the positive difference PLGP was making in the community.

Beyond his contributions to Portland Latino Gay Pride, Jose Israel is best remembered for the love and joy he brought to the people in his life. He was a dedicated partner to Al Munguia. He was so proud of his family and relatives in Guadalajara, Mexico. His strong and loyal friendship comforted and supported many.

Jose Israel's smile always reminded us of what matters most in life and to enjoy every moment we as a community have together.

Jose Israel Ornelas was laid to rest in Guadalajara, alongside his grandmother and cousin, two important people in his life. A

communal celebration of his life will be held Friday, July 1, from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Jupiter Hotel in the Dream Box (800 E. Burnside St., Portland). In lieu of flowers, cash contributions are welcomed and will be donated to Jose Israel's favorite charities.

For more about the organization Ornelas helped found, turn to p. 18.

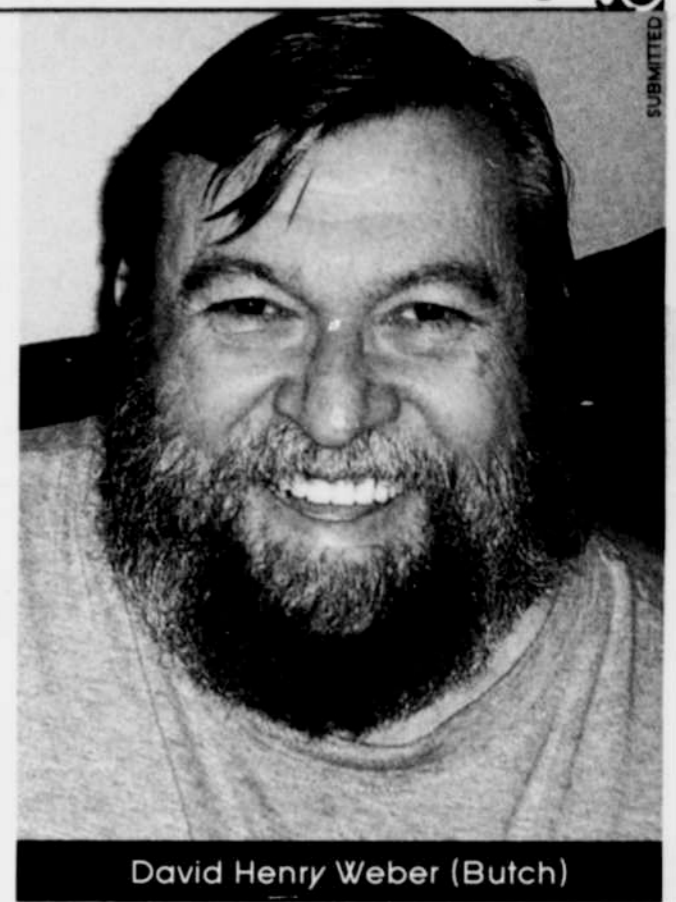
David Henry Weber (Butch)

February 22, 1946-June 20, 2011

David Henry Weber, 65 years old at the time of his passing, was a native Oregonian. He died at home in Molalla on June 20 of natural causes.

David was born on February 22, 1946 in Portland to David and Frances Weber of Montavilla. He moved to Oahu, Hawaii in the late '70s and moved back to Oregon upon his retirement in 2010. He had one sister, Patricia Browning of LaFollette, Tenn. and a half brother, Edwin Weber of San Francisco, Calif.

David was a certified diving instructor and worked in the diving industry during his 26 years on Oahu. Previously he lived in Portland and worked for TWA, Bell Telephone and as a bartender at Dahl & Penny's in downtown Portland. He loved to shop and collected various Oriental trinkets. He also loved music and old mystery movies.



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He is survived by his sister, Patricia Browning of LaFollette, Tenn.; one niece, Sherry Abraham of Colton, Ore.; a nephew, Michael Browning of Union Star, Mo.; and two cousins in Salem, Ore. David was preceded in death by his parents and half brother.

There are no services planned. For more information, call Sherry Abraham at 503-824-4010.

Thank you to everyone at Evergreen Court in Molalla who helped take care of David during the last year of his life.

Donations may be made in David's name to a local AIDS foundation.

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