

In Memory of...

Steven G. "Steve" Borders



Steven G. "Steve" Borders, 61, a longtime resident of the Vernonia community, died Wednesday morning, October 19, 2016 at his home.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 1:00 pm at the Vernonia Scout Cabin in Vernonia, with his uncle, Pastor Ralph Anderegg, of Elm Street Baptist Church in Sweet Home, Oregon, officiating. Graveside Services will be scheduled at a later date to be held at the North Cemetery of Clear Creek in Vernonia, Oregon.

Steven Gene Borders was born November 18, 1954 in Eugene, Oregon, the son of Robert Owen Borders and Jean Ann Isabell (Anderegg) Borders. His family moved from the Springfield-Fall Creek area back to Vernonia in 1963.

Living on the farm during his early years he enjoyed fishing the Nehalem River and family fishing trips to the Oregon coast and British Columbia. Another family activity was participating and riding horses with the Vernonia Ridge Riders Club. Steve participated several years in the Vernonia Jamboree Parade for his grandparents, "Vernonia Milk Farms" business. He was in the 4-H livestock club and won awards with his beef animal showing at Vernonia 4-H days and Columbia County fairs.

He attended Vernonia High School, Class of 1974. Steve excelled in sports and lettered in football as quarterback on the Vernonia Loggers team. He also served in the United States Army Reserves and the United States Navy.

Among his special interests he enjoyed woodworking and later in life remodeled his own home. Steve also did mechanic work on his cars, pickups, and the trucks he drove for his living. During his last years, he enjoyed restoring his

1966 Ford Mustang.

Steve loved the outdoors and felt fortunate to live all his life in the Vernonia area, where he became an avid hunter. He continued to enjoy fishing on the Crooked River, the Snake River and also in his boat on the Columbia River.

His chosen jobs were in the timber industry. The first was cutting cedar, Olympic Forest Products, and over the years working road construction, loading and hauling logs for other logging contractors. He also was the construction boss for the Hancock Tree Farm.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, Robert Owen Borders; his grandparents, Henry and Isabel Anderegg; his grandmother, Beulah Borders Lane and his uncle, Derald Lee Borders.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Kevin Gene and Chihiro Borders of Miyagi, Japan; his mother, Jean Ann Isabell Borders of Lebanon, Oregon; and his two brothers and a sister-in-law, Robert Derald and Robbie Borders of Baker City, Oregon, and David Dean Borders of Lebanon, Oregon.

Also surviving are his grandchildren, Chance, Maria, Noah and Hannah Borders of Miyagi, Japan; his nephew and wife, Jess Robert and Melissa Borders of Banks, Oregon; his niece and husband, Jenette and Shawn Steele of Molalla, Oregon; his three uncles, Ron Anderegg of Los Angeles, California, Pastor Ralph and Nancy Anderegg of Sweet Home, Oregon, and Richard Nightwine of Forest Grove, Oregon; his aunt, Vivian Borders of Springfield, Oregon; his great-aunt, Helen Anderegg Lauman of Milwaukie, Oregon; and his great-uncle and wife, Fred and Billie Anderegg of Clackamas, Oregon; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staff of Care Partners Hospice, the staff of the Vernonia Health Center, friends Barney and Lynn Hayes, and helping hands.

The family suggests that remembrances may be contributions to American Cancer Society, and Care Partners Hospice, 1600 N.W. Compton Drive, Suite 210, Hillsboro, Oregon 97006, in his memory.

To sign the online guest book or to send a condolence to the family go to www.fuitenrosehoyt.com.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Vernonia is entrusted with the arrangements.

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on his feet and I'm a big fan of his future."

Hines is currently living in a trailer on Scott's property. He is on probation for three years and is keeping up on his fines and other expenses related to his time in prison. He renewed his driver's license, bought a Jeep, and has already paid it off.

His major focus right now is trying to start a yard maintenance/handyman business, "Hines 4 Hire," and he has received good reviews from his early customers as a hard worker who is punctual and reasonably priced. He can do roof repairs, gutters, chimney sweeping, and other small maintenance jobs as well as yard work and landscaping.

Scott is sponsoring Hines to become a member of the Vernonia Freewheelers, the local service and social club.

Most importantly he is staying sober. "I believe it's a mindset," says Hines. "One of my family's traits is that we are very stubborn people, and once we set our mind to doing something, that's what is going to happen - it's set in stone. I've made the decision not to ever drink or do drugs or to hang out with people that I used to do those things with. I have a good support group of people here who are helping me. Whether you want to or not, you have to stick to your priorities and my priorities are to live a clean and sober life, and getting my business off the ground and running fully. I know I've had a negative impact on this community. I feel like it's my duty to give back and be a productive part of this community."

"Sitting in that prison cell the

night it happened was the darkest place in my life," says Hines. "Sometimes people don't come back from something like that, they just get into the prison system and they never come out. There were a lot of different roads I could have taken, but I chose my path and I walked it."

Scott says Hines knows his life needs to be different now that he's out of prison and she's witnessed a distinct change in him. "He's much more on the ball now because he's not worried about getting drunk anymore," she says. "He is definitely more goal oriented. He's also a little more guarded now. But the important parts, the love he has in his heart, that hasn't changed."

"The other day was my daughter Brook's birthday," says Scott, "and Desmond was so sweet - he

showed up with a card with \$20 and flowers for her."

"It used to be that if I had \$20, that was a pack of smokes, an 18 pack of beer, and some chicken strips, and that would be my night," says Hines. "Now that I'm sober I have \$20 and I can do something nice for my friend's daughter on her birthday."

"It's really wonderful to see how far he's already come in just six months," says Scott.

Hines recognizes that he's been given a second chance and wants to make the most of it. "I know I can never make right what I did - I know it was wrong," says Hines. "What I can do is work to be a better person and a better member of society so that maybe other people can learn from my mistakes. I just have to keep looking forward. You can't go much further down than where I was."

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Mist-Birkenfeld Fall Festival

Please bring your family and join the Mist-Birkenfeld Helping Circle for their Fall Festival on November 5. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm and entertainment begins at 7:00 pm. There will be silent and oral auctions, door prizes, children's grab bags, a quilt raffle and more fun! Held at the Mist School, 69163 Hwy 47.

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