

## In Memory of Zackary W.B. Anderegg

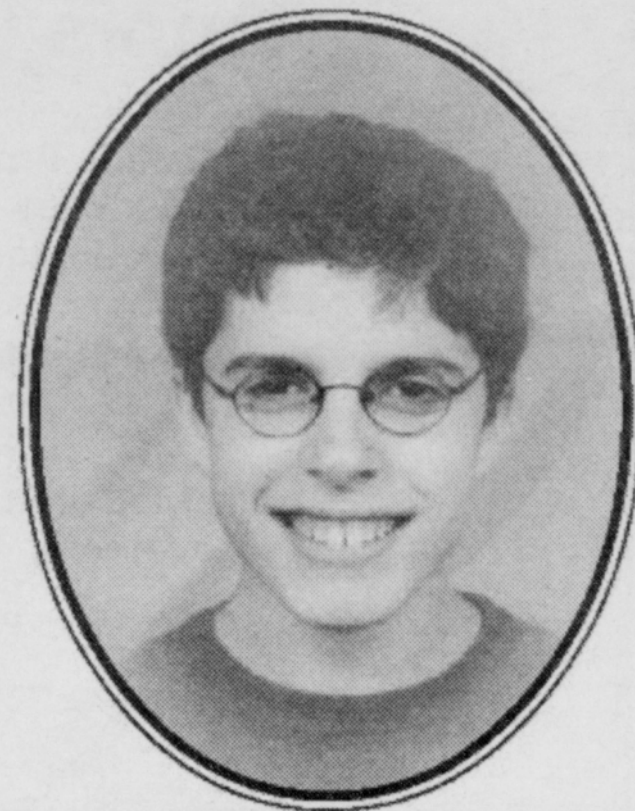
Zackary would have been 18 years old this month, June 25, 2004. He was born c-section – 8 pounds, 2 ounces, 20° inches long – because his head was too big to come down the birth canal. Little Grandpa Anderegg thought he was a girl; he was so pretty with no squished head. I called him my miracle baby with the perfect birthday day, June 25. Every six months, he would get presents, Christmas and his birthday being six months apart.

He was my miracle baby because for six years, I was not able to conceive and a short visit in the hospital gave me a 60-40 chance of having another baby. Four months later, the miracle conception took place and Heather Ann was to become a big sister at the age of 7.

Zackary Walter Bruce was so desperately wanted and welcomed into our family. Now he is gone. His favorite birthday dinner was pizza and chocolate pudding pie. Happy Birthday, sweetheart, loving you always and forever.

Mom and Heather Ann (sissy)

I want to take this moment in time to extend a warm and sincere thank you to the family, friends, and co-workers who have been a constant support to me throughout these last six months. I know that I wouldn't have made as much progress in this grieving process without the unconditional love everyone has extended to me.



Zackary W.B. Anderegg

My sincere gratitude goes out to my co-workers who have been there holding me up each day as I struggle with the sorrow that fills every empty moment, making it difficult to remember the details my job demands.

My soul is filled with grief for the loss of my beautiful, kind, intelligent son who has chosen to go ahead, walking the path to find peace with our ancestors and the Great Spirit God. A constant sadness remains for the void his leaving left in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

With much gratitude for your loving support, you are in my prayers daily. Thank you very much.

Truly, Verdene



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#### Mulling Retirement

Kraxberger had planned to retire Feb. 1, after 20 years of Active Guard Reserve service, but the date came and went while she was deployed.

Now she isn't sure what she will do. After a week of leave, she returns to work today.

If she does retire, she said, she has no idea what she will do with her time. She might consider doing something for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, of which she is a member.

Kraxberger – thought to be the highest-ranking Native American in the Oregon Army National Guard, male or female – was more involved with the tribes a few years ago before her mother died.

As she reflects on her success in the Guard, she is reminded of that one afternoon nearly three decades ago, when her mom surprised her with a visit from a recruiter and the ultimatum that changed her life.

"I'm glad she did that," Kraxberger said. "It was probably the best choice I've ever made."

## Gary Lynn Belgarde Sr. 1951 – 2004

Gary Lynn Belgarde Sr. passed away peacefully with family at 2:40 a.m. at Oregon Health Sciences University on April 29, 2004.

Gary was born in Crescent City, Calif. His family relocated to Oregon in the early 1960s. He attended North Salem High School.

Gary voluntarily served in the U.S. Army, based in Fort Gordon, Ga., as a radio technician.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Vern and Geraldine (Strong) Belgarde. He is survived by his son, Gary Lynn Belgarde Jr. of Salem, Ore.; daughter, Michelle Tyees Belgarde of Salem; five grandchildren, all of Salem; brother, Gerald Belgarde of Siletz, Ore.; sisters, Jackie Belgarde of Salem and Wanda Belgarde of Siletz; Jolynne

Clawson of Siletz, Vilayne Clawson of Salem, and Norma Jean Jimenez of Salem. There also were lots of cousins, aunts, and uncles who loved him.

He enjoyed family events such as barbecues, birthdays, and sporting events, and he loved going to musical concerts. His favorites were hunting and fishing with immediate family (cousins).

Gary resided with Vern and Donna Kessinger, whom he considered as his closest family, and loved and adored them very much. Gary will be totally missed by all the Kessingers and family and friends forever.

Services were held May 8, 2004, at Restlawn Funeral Home, followed by interment at Restlawn Memory Gardens in Salem, Ore.

### Fund Set Up for Whitehead Family

The school board of Siletz Valley School has opened an account on behalf of the Whitehead family at Bank of the West in Siletz. Donations can be made at any branch.

### In Honor, Craig Whitehead

*Respectfully, Eva E. Clayton*

*A quiet gentle man with the conviction of pure gold,  
Commitment, tribal tradition, regalia bold.*

*Whispering of a softened leader's voice,  
Many things accomplished through personal choice.*

*With distinction one of a kind mold,  
Genuine is the honor if it be told.*

*A pow-wow drum beat an Indian prayer,  
Strength uplifting, Craig will always be there.*

*To the family: I wish you peace and sparkle that will come again.*

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