



Anthony D Boesen

January 25, 1959 - May 31, 2021

Anthony Dean Boesen, 62 years old. He was born Waterloo, Iowa as the first son to Robert and Betty Boesen. Anthony passed away in an accident while kiteboarding off of South Beach on May 31, 2021 doing what he loved. He was spending time on the Oregon coast with his beloved wife of 12 years, Sherri Jo Boesen and forever companion, Gus.

Anthony has passion for wind and ocean sports. Anthony started the first wind surfing school in Iowa at the age of 18. The summer he graduated as a Civil Engineer from University of Idaho, he spent wind surfing in the Columbia River Gorge. Anthony devoted his career to working for the Federal Highway Administration where he was awarded a Superior Achievement Award. He was assigned to many state capitals while training; he settled in Salem, Oregon. He loved Oregon and it allowed him to enjoy his passions for surfing, wind surfing, kite boarding, kayaking and snowboarding. Life was truly an adventure for Anthony and he lived it to its fullest. In fact, he added scuba diving and traveling to his repertoire when he married his soulmate, Sherri. They truly enjoy adventure, creating memories and making new friends while traveling the world together.

Anthony was raised in a strong Catholic family and was devoted to his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Betty Boesen. Left to cherish his memory are his three siblings, Jerry (Jill) Boesen of Cedar Falls,

IA, Mary (Daniel) Kubicek of Excelsior, MN and Bradley (Christine) of Waterloo, IA. He was very proud of his nephews, Aaron and Dana Boesen and nieces Larissa Boesen and Elizabeth Kubicek. He was particularly proud to be a godfather to Elizabeth. He was also survived by his godmother Barbara (Duane) Schaffer and many loving family members.

There isn't a kinder, smarter or gentler man than Anthony. He had a sharp, witty mind and an old soul who touched the hearts of all who were privileged to know him. Anthony, you are now truly with the wind you loved so much, God speed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Columbia Gorge Wind & Water Association (CGW2.org) or Willamette Kayak & Canoe Club (WKCC.org) in memory of Anthony,

How blessed we are to have been touched by someone who makes saying goodbye so hard.

Those who wait on the Lord will renew their Strength,

they will Soar on wings

Like Eagles.

Isaiah 40:31

Services will be held at

Woodland High Street SE

Salem, OR 97301

503/362-4139

June 13th 10:30a

Tribute Wall



“ I just learned of Anthony's passing. My condolences. Anthony was a trusted colleague for my work at ODOT for his knowledge and expertise. He contributed his time and energy into the ODOT Research Section working with me on several innovative research ideas which developed into projects. Over the last 10 years, I got to know Anthony only a little since our research projects did not always fall in his expertise and when they did, we tended to meet infrequently. However, I always asked for him to be on our team of experts to help evaluate the research project and data. He was a pleasure to be around and had excellent insight into many different processes of road construction, operations, asphalt design, etc. Always with practical advise, too. As some have already mentioned, he liked to mentor. Anthony would often bring new folks to our research meetings and introduce them - always thinking of helping these new folks get involved and understand our process. I will always remember that about him. He will be sorely missed. Jon Lazarus

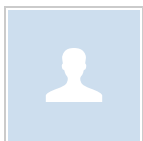
ODOT Research Coordinator

Jon Lazarus - July 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ I was so very sad to hear about Anthony's passing. I've known him through my work at ODOT for at least 20 years, and he was always a pleasure to be around. My condolences to the family.

Michael G. Holthoff - June 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM



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“ My deep condolences to Sherri, his entire family, friends, and colleagues. I met Anthony during my internship at FHWA Oregon in the summer of 2015. I shadowed Anthony in his role with FHWA and partook in an assignment in Ontario, Oregon. It was a road trip across the beautiful state from Salem, and it was a field visit I will always remember. Anthony was open to passing down his knowledge and experience about engineering, and making sure I was heading in the right track of my own career. He was very passionate about his career, family, hobbies, and the wonderful state of Oregon. I am forever grateful for letting me learn from him and for making sure I made the most out of the field visit and my time with FHWA. With great sympathy, Frank Villagomez

Frank Villagomez - June 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM



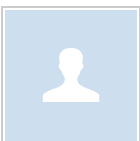
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JC

“ I met Anthony nearly 20 years go not long after I came to work for ODOT. There was teleconference hosted by the local FHWA division office and it was my first time meeting anyone from FHWA and I was a little apprehensive as I did not have what to expect as an ODOT employee meeting FHWA for the first time. Anthony quickly became a trusted peer and friend. Over the years, there were times I brought new and younger staff to meetings with Anthony and he was always so gracious and easygoing, putting the "newbies" at ease and helping them develop their career. I will never forget that. I hope you are having fun shredding the waters in Heaven right now Anthony. We miss you down here. My heart goes out to your wife and family.

John Coplantz - June 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ So saddened to hear of Anthony's passing, had the pleasure of knowing Anthony while I was working for ODOT, he was a joy to spend time with. My condolences to his family and friends.

Jon Heacock - June 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BQ

“ I moved to Oregon from New Mexico in 1998. I took up whitewater kayaking shortly thereafter. I met Anthony on one of my first river trips and that was the start of a 23 friendship. Anthony was one of the most generous & genuine humans I've ever met. Jovial in spirit, he was always willing to mentor novice paddlers and share his love of rivers with all of us. We had so many laughs & smiles on the rivers together. As our lives progressed, paddling took a back seat to family and we'd discuss those closest to us while shooting rapids. Sherri was truly Anthony's love. I will forever cherish crossing paths with him. He truly will be missed by many. Rest In Peace my friend.

Brian Quigley - June 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ I met Anthony in sometime in spring 2004 at Paddler's Pint. Many kayakers and rafters gather in Portland every Thursday night. I was instructed to go by local kayak shop. Met him and asked me to go paddle with him very next weekend. My whitewater kayaking adventure in USA started that day. Anthony took me to rivers almost all in the areas we could go within day trip. Way too many memories to share here. One fond memory and never forget, one day coming back to his home in his green truck, we were late. He cut his roses from his driveway while I offload my kayak gear. Say, hey Nobu, give this to your wife. All women loves Roses, and she will forgive you your late back home. The bouquet worked! I was lucky to have you friend to be at your wedding with wife and two kids. I really really miss you. RIP brother.nobufriend from kayaker community

nobu suga - June 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I met Anthony when I first arrived in the FHWA Salem Division office straight off the training program. He was a unique individual, fun to work with, and very passionate about windsurfing and other adventurous sports. Even though I left Salem after about seven years, I kept in touch with Anthony through work and was happy to see him about five years ago when he was at Western Federal Lands for some training. His smiling face and cheerful attitude will be missed.

Tori Brinkly - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

YK

“ I was saddened to hear about Anthony's passing and would like to pass my condolences to his wife. Anthony and I met during the training program. We had a construction assignment together close to Lake Tahoe, CA in the summer of 1991. I was always fond of Anthony and remembered him as a truly nice person. My next assignment was supposed to be 1 year long in Wisconsin, and having grown up in Russia and gone to school in Buffalo, NY, I was concerned about going to a cold climate again. However, Karen Schmidt (also just passed) was our training coordinator and told me that I need someone to volunteer to switch with me as all assignments have been set and she won't be able to help otherwise. Anthony's last assignment was in CT, and fortunately for me, he did not want to go to the east coast again after an Eastern Federal Lands design assignment. He switched with me, and I was happy to go to CT as it was a lot closer to my family in NYC. I wish our paths intersected again, but I have not seen or spoken with Anthony since that summer of 1991. Please pass my sincere condolences to Sherri and Anthony's family. Yanina Kirtley Project Manager

Yanina Kirtley - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

OE

“ I was very shocked and saddened to hear about Anthony, especially since he was close to retiring. He had a huge impact on my development in FHWA. He reached out to me a few months ago and I had the pleasure of talking to him over video. I hadn't seen him in a while, but his outgoing and warm personality shined through the screen. Before that I hadn't spoken to him for quite a long time. I was fortunate to have that moment with him. I'm wishing the best for his family. Omar A. Elkassed Sr. Transportation Engineer FHWA California Division

Omar A. Elkassed - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I am so sorry to hear this! I only knew Anthony briefly but his love for his work was evident. He was kind, generous, and engaging. My condolences to Anthony's family. Anthony will be missed by many. Warmest regards, Joi Singh Deputy Division Administrator FHWA Nevada Division

Joi Singh - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I got to know Anthony while I worked as a materials engineers for the California Division years ago and what I will miss the most is his sense of humor and kindness he shared in doing the right thing. Although we didn't talk much he called me a few months ago asking me for some advice on a work related issue and I was happy to talk to him and give him my thoughts. I will miss him and my heart goes out to his family. Jason Dietz Pavement and Materials Engineer FHWA Resource Center

Jason Dietz - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Anthony's passing. He was such a really nice guy, and he was a help to my wife and I when I had some health issues down there. Such a really wonderful person. Just so heartbreaking. David A. Leighow ROW Program Manager FHWA Washington Division

David A. Leighow - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Truly sad news. I have had the pleasure of working with Anthony over many years from my pavement preservation days, and always enjoyed my opportunities to talk and spend time with him. He was a great colleague and will be very much missed. Chris Newman
Federal-aid Programs Team Leader FHWA Office of Infrastructure

Chris Newman - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ Anthony and I were more than just colleagues we were friends. It saddens me to hear about his passing. Please when you have more information please let me know. Thanks Antonio Nieves Torres
Construction Engineer FHWA Office of Infrastructure

Antonio Nieves Torres - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I just wanted to thank you for letting us know. Anthony was a great guy and I always enjoyed it when we wound up at the same training or conference. It is hard to believe he is gone. Thinking of all of you - it is so hard to lose a colleague and friend. Sharon Love
Environmental Manager FHWA Washington Division

Sharon Love - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Please express my heartfelt condolences to Anthony's wife for me. I have been friends with Anthony for over 30 years. We met on the Highway Engineer Training program in Louisiana. I remember his passion for kite-boarding. He used to use his kite board and two milk crates as a coffee table in his apartment. He was a good friend, a good man and a fine engineer. Thank you, Mark A. Stinson, PE, PMP Major Projects Engineer Federal Highway Administration Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Mark A. Stinson, PE, PMP - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Anthony's passing and wanted to express my condolences. I got to know Anthony a little bit the last couple of years while he served on the Western Human Resources Committee. He was one of our more active members and was always a pleasure to be around. He will be missed. With sympathy, Brigitte Mandel Deputy Division Administrator FHWA Utah Division

Brigitte Mandel - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Anthony was a student of mine at the University of Idaho in the early 1990s. He did some good and important work for me at that time. I remember him as a very kind person and always willing to work hard to solve a problem. I'm wondering if you have a mailing address that I could use to send a card to his wife. My condolences to you and all that worked with Anthony at FHWA. Regards, Michael Kyte Emeritus Professor College of Civil Engineering at the University of Idaho

Michael Kyte - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ My heart was especially heavy yesterday morning when I received the news. Anthony was an awesome guy with a great love for people. He introduced me to whitewater kayaking back in 2009 during my rotation with your team and then taught me the tricks of the trade over several different training sessions. I had the pleasure of joining him on a few river adventures before finally branching out on my own. Stayed in touch with here and there over the years but with a guy like Anthony, whenever we did connect, it felt like it was only the before that we last spoke. When possible, please send my Aloha to Anthony's Ohana as well. He will be missed. Mahalo, Kaha'a Rezantes Programs and Project Delivery Team Lead FHWA Hawaii Division

Kaha'a Rezantes - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ I only knew Anthony for a very short time. During that time, Anthony found out my daughter took a civil engineering job in Portland, OR. He was very interested in making sure she would be successful with getting her PE. Being from Montana, I didn't know the process for getting your PE in OR. He visited with my daughter a number of times, provided great advice, and even tried to convince her to join FHWA. Anthony is a great friend and always willing to help someone out even if he didn't know you to well yet. My daughter passed her PE this spring and well on her way to be a good civil engineer. Thanks Anthony for your help and you will be missed. Now your riding on eagles Wings and enjoying the wind and the view. God speed Jeff Patten Montana FHWA Division Office



Jeff Patten - June 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ I remember arriving in the Salem division of the FHWA as the newest engineer. Anthony was very welcoming, kind, and helpful to the new kid in the office. I remember long car rides with Anthony talking about his love for outdoor recreation. Anthony enjoyed life and will be missed by many. Roger Harding

Roger Harding - June 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. Anthony was an amazing individual who leaves a lasting impression on all of us at FHWA. Anthony was a committed and dedicated public servant who gave so much to the citizens of Oregon and our Nation. His knowledge and skill at work inspired others and served to improve the quality of roads and bridges across Oregon. Anthony's mentorship of young employees, friendship to coworkers, and caring for all, leaves a legacy that will carry on. We will miss our beloved Antony, and we are deeply saddened for your loss. With much sympathy, Phil Ditzler

Phillip Ditzler - June 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM



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