



Fred S Saxton

February 22, 1945 - May 28, 2020

Fred grew up in Canby, Oregon, had a successful construction supply business in Portland, and then followed his passion to live on the coast in 1982 when he moved his family to Newport to build and operate Whaler's Rest RV Resort. After the sale of the RV Resort, he started ORCA Builders and there are more than 100 beautiful homes in the surrounding coastal area that are a testament to his home building talents.

Beyond his business successes, Fred dabbled in just about every hobby imaginable, and somehow, he excelled at every one of them. Whether it was diving in the Pacific Ocean, screen printing original artwork, restoring classic cars, yachting, leading a chapter of Harley Davidson riders, or even contributing a regular column to the News Times, his fearlessness in chasing his passions and pouring his heart into them was rare and inspiring to all who crossed his path.

Anyone who knew Fred will likely attest that he had an inherent ability to see and bring out the best in everybody. His smile was infectious, his handshake was strong and genuine, and his quick-witted one-liners were unmatched. He was a man of integrity, always standing up for what he felt was right, and encouraging others to do the same. Simply being around him made you aspire to be the best version of yourself.

Fred loved the ocean, Scotch neat, Cuban cigars, Tarantino films, his Boston

Terriers, driving fast cars, singing along to Jimmy Buffett, and collecting (perhaps hoarding) tshirts. Above all else, he loved being a husband, a dad, and a papa.

Though words can't describe the loss felt by those who were lucky enough to know him, his legacy will live forever through the many lives he touched.

Fred is survived by his wife Bonnie, his sons Freddy (Tonya) Saxton, Mason (Carly) Saxton, his grandchildren, Marilyn (Levi) Grove, Rachel Saxton, Harley Saxton, Alexa Saxton, Macy Saxton, Mariah (Abe) Silvonen, and his great grandson, Major Grove.

A celebration of life will be at a later date.