



Gary Cockrum

September 20, 1944 - May 23, 2015

It breaks our hearts to announce the death of our beloved Gary. He died at home in the early hours of Saturday, May 23, 2015 with two special ladies by his side.

Gary was born in England, September 20, 1944. The family settled in Denver, Colorado at the end of WWII.

After High School he attended Metro State College for two years, then Rocky Mountain School of Arts. His talent for graphic design and photography was obvious and became two of his lifelong passions.

Denver is also where Gary met Laurel. She was his biggest fan, best friend and wife for 41 years.

In 1975 the couple moved to Florence, OR. Where both daughters were born. Gary ran the "Job" print department for the Siuslaw News until 1983.

For 26 years Gary was the communications Manager at Central Lincoln PUD in Newport, before his retirement in 2009.

Gary also designed many corporate, civic and business logos still in use today. Also, for a time, he wrote a bi-monthly column published in both the

Siuslaw News and the News Times.

He was a wordsmith, pool player, "Steely Eyed Rocket Man", artist & photographer. Most of all, Gary was a man of uncommon moral character. His standard for behavior could be used as a reliable bench mark for all.

Gary is survived by his wife Laurel; daughters: Katherine Clack (Donald) and Beth Jacobson; grandchildren: Joshua, Kaetlan, Chevy and Riley; brothers: Phillip and Stewart Piper; stepfather James Cox; and many very sad friends.

Please join us for Gary's memorial at 3pm, Saturday, June 27th at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, NE 70th and Avery, Newport, OR.