



Kirk Osmond Bunnell

February 5, 1941 - January 20, 2014

Ogden, Utah

On Monday, January 20th, 2014, Kirk Osmond Bunnell transitioned into the loving arms of Jesus after a 43 year long journey with Multiple Sclerosis. Kirk was born in Ogden, Utah on February 5th, 1941, to Merrill and Connie Bunnell, and grew up in Larchmont, New York along with his older brother John. He went on to Stanford University where he met the love of his life, Gini Wyant. After Graduating with a B.S. in Physics (1962) he served in the Peace Corp in Malaysia from 1962 through August, 1964. He married Gini on Aug. 30th, 1964, and they journeyed out to Chicago where Kirk received his Ph.D. in Physics from Northwestern University (1969). There they added two boys to their family (Douglas Kirk and Scott Merrill). Kirk worked as a High Energy Physicist for Stanford Linear Accelerator Center from 1969 through 1992 where he was recognized for his hard work and dedication.

Kirk and Gini moved from Palo Alto, CA, to Bellingham, WA, in 2003 while Doug's family transitioned to the Northwest. They quickly found the cooler climate was better for Kirk's health. Kirk loved spicy food, newspaper jumbles, singing in the choir, Bible study, laughter, watching football, taking naps, reading books, and any chance to enjoy life with his family. He inspired many people in Palo Alto and Bellingham through his contentment in adversity and by regularly working out at the YMCA even when his limbs did not work the

way they were supposed to.

Kirk will join his parents Merrill and Connie, his sister-in-law Gale and his grandson Zachary in Glory. He is survived by his loving wife Gini (Wyant) Bunnell, brother John, sons Doug (Laurie) and Scott (Kris), grandchildren Paige, Quentin and Zoe, and great grand daughter Cillay, as well as a host of nieces and nephews. He is deeply missed by his family and many friends, but we look forward to being reunited with Kirk fully healthy, no disease, of sound mind when and where all tears will have been wiped away.

Farewell Tribute Information

There will be a service to celebrate Kirk's life at 2pm on Saturday, January 25th at First Presbyterian Church of Bellingham. Donations Information

In lieu of flowers you are invited to donate money to his church, The First Presbyterian Church of Bellingham, 1031 N. Garden St., Bellingham WA 98229

Tribute Wall

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“ I first got to know Kirk folding newsletters to be mailed out, when I got to hear his remarkable life story. Later on it was my great joy to provide rides for him to and from choir practice. His patient, humble, kindly manner made him a joy to be around. I will miss him a lot.

Jean Hamilton - January 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Gini, I was saddened tonite to read of Kirk's passing, yet rejoicing for his complete healing. I remember most the tenderness of his heart, his sparkling eyes that were so welcoming and his laughter. I remember his kindness. And, I remember the tenderness that you two shared. It was a deep love story shared between the two of you but yet welcoming all in your midst. May your heart experience comfort beyond what can be imagined!

Susan Rowland (Kloos) - January 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM