
Shelton Perrigan(1951 - 2011)

SALEM - Shel Perrigan, of Salem, passed away on January 13, 2011 from complications due to kidney cancer. He was 60. Shel was born January 8, 1951 in Bend, Oregon to Lemuel and Vonda Perrigan. Shel grew up in Bend and graduated from Bend Senior High School in 1969. Shel moved to the Willamette Valley after high school. He attended Clackamas Community College, played football at Southern Oregon State College and graduated from Oregon College of Education (Western Oregon University) in 1975 with a degree in Biology. After college, Shel was on the faculty at Oregon State University in the crop science department. An entrepreneur at heart, he left Oregon State University to start his own agriculture development company, which he ran for 10 years. Seeking a career change, Shel became a mortgage broker and enjoyed helping people achieve their dreams of home ownership. Most recently, Shel worked as a licensed mortgage document auditor, specializing in foreclosure defense.

Shel was a loving father, husband and friend. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, fishing, camping, home improvement and was passionate about Oregon State University athletics (Go Beavs!). Shel is survived by his wife, Christi Ferrigno; former wife, Martha Fobes; children, Brian, Corey, Adam and Andrea Perrigan; stepchildren, Brendan, Meagan and Hannah Ferrigno; daughter-in-law, Heather (Zeman) Perrigan; granddaughter, Jacquelyn Perrigan; mother, Vonda Perrigan; sisters, Luanna Armentrout and Marla Priday. He was preceded in death by his father, Lemuel Perrigan and twin brother, Stephen Perrigan.

There will be a celebration of Shel's life on Saturday, January 22nd at the Salem Conference Center, located at 200 Commercial Street SE, Salem, OR 97301. All are welcome to attend. In Lieu of flowers, the family asks that future donations are made to the Shelton C. Perrigan Cancer Foundation. Details will be made available at the memorial. Arrangements by Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service.

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