

# Robert Kennedy Obituary

Robert was born on April 22, 1955 in St. Helens, Oregon to John R. Kennedy and Beverly D. Kennedy who lived in Scappoose, OR. Robert graduated from Scappoose High School in 1974. Robert pursued course work in cooking before developing a love for automotive maintenance. He worked for Jordon Motor Company in St. Helens, where he prepared new cars for delivery. Later, Robert obtained a degree from ITT Technical Institute as an Electronic Technician. After his degree, Robert worked for Precision Audio in Portland. Later Robert worked for Beaverton Packaging, in Portland, until 1993 when Robert went to work for SEH America. He worked 13 years for SEH America, when he was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) in the year 2004, which took his life on January 15, 2007. Robert enjoyed hiking, computers, biking, gardening and automotive maintenance. He also enjoyed barbershop singing, where he was a member of the 60 strong Portland based barbershop Vocal Gentry group and the Columbia Cordsman where he later led the St. Helens based barbershop group. His family extends a special thanks to the care givers at Rainier Vista Care Center, in Puyallup, WA. Robert is survived by his father, John R. Kennedy of Bellevue, WA; his brother, Steven N. Kennedy; his wife Julie S. Kennedy; nephews, Thomas, Patrick and Jacob Kennedy of Redmond, WA; aunt, Hazel Kennedy; cousin, Mary Ann Specht and her husband Jeff Specht of Warren, OR; aunt and uncle Ben and Audrey Van Eaton of Yakima, WA. The funeral will be held at Columbia Funeral Home in St. Helens on January 20, 2007 at 2:00p.m. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the National Wildlife Foundation.

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