



## David G. Bendix

March 21, 1950 - February 15, 2023

David G. Bendix of Yreka passed away on February 15, 2023 at the age of 72.

David was born to Gerhart and Louise Bendix in 1950, in Portland, Oregon. He grew up in Forest Grove, Oregon, where he picked berries in the summers, learned to fish in the stream on his grandparents' farm, was a bright - if sometimes mischievous - student, and crafted surfboards he used with friends to surf along the chilly Oregon coast. Following his family's move to Yreka, he attended College of the Siskiyous, and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree from Chico State University. He later obtained a Masters of Business Administration degree from Black Hills State University in South Dakota.

His working career reflected his life-long interest in and connection to the out-of-doors. He worked for Hi-Ridge Lumber Company in Seiad Valley and Yreka, Kiewit Corporation on mined lands restoration in Sheridan, Wyoming, and founded Buccaneer Travel, a saltwater fly-fishing guide service that he operated with joy, plying clients and others with colorful fishing tales for a number of years. His last job was at the agricultural pest inspection station in Hornbrook.

David was an avid fly fisherman who practiced his signature casting skills on streams and lakes throughout the western states as well as saltwater flats in the Caribbean. He played the guitar, loved to read, and sparked laughter among family and friends with his highly entertaining and sometimes

outrageous story-telling. David had a tender heart for animals. He loved the dogs and cats of his life, as well as wild animals that he observed from his home and outdoors outings.

His parents preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Rae Ellen of Yreka, her children: David Kingsbury of Monmouth, Oregon and Shelle Kingsbury of Roanoke, Virginia; brother Gerry Bendix of Redding, California; sisters: Kathleen Liebenow of Providence, Rhode Island and Judy Bendix of Richmond, California and many cousins, nieces and a nephew.

David was loved and will be missed by family and friends. A memorial gathering will be held at a future date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear this.

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**Forrest Fasig** - November 24, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ David was a beautiful soul, so understanding and empathetic. Much love my friend. Rae I miss your laughter.  
Veronica

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**Veronica Deetz** - March 06, 2023 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

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**A Memorial Tree was planted for David G. Bendix** - February 27, 2023 at 12:00 AM