



Michael Van de Grift Denny

July 17, 1951 - March 3, 2011

Mike Denny, 59, of Etna, died unexpectedly in his home on March 3, 2011. Mike was born in Etna in the historic Kappler home where Dr. David Clough had his medical practice. He is survived by his mother, Jacqueline Boehm Denny of Etna. He was predeceased by his father, Alden Denny and brother, Jay Denny.

Mike graduated from Etna High School in 1969 and College of the Siskiyous in 1971. He majored in journalism at COS, was editor of the Eagle's Cry school newspaper and was student body president. He worked for Ray Cummings Logging and Ralph Franklin Logging before taking a job in Zaire (Africa) for Morrison-Knudsen, Int'l., which involved the installation of high-powered transmission lines through that country. After spending five years in Zaire, Mike went to work for Georgia-Pacific as logging manager on the island of Kalimantan in Indonesia.

Upon returning stateside, he spent 20 years as a project manager for Columbia Helicopters, Inc., based out of Portland, Ore.

Mike retired to his home in Etna in 2003. Mike was a gourmet cook and loved traveling and gardening. He had a lot of wonderful friends in Scott Valley and all over the world. He will be missed very much. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family.