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Born March 18, 1954

Died November 16, 2019

David Neil Hamilton was born to Wesley and Carol Hamilton on March 18, 1954 in Pendleton, Oregon. As a child, David lived in the small towns of Echo, Irrigon and Pilot Rock, Oregon. The family later moved to Salem, where David and his older brother John met and became part of a new family with his Dad's marriage to Jeanette. The family moved to Lake Oswego, where David graduated from Lakeridge High School in 1972.

After high school, David chose to enlist in the United States Navy. He became an Electrical Repairman, and as a class III swimmer, also became a diver. In addition to San Diego, his service areas included Hawaii and Vietnam. David received an honorable discharge from the Navy in 1976, and soon after began work at Gage Industries in Lake Oswego, where he purchased a home nearby. Many years of service to Gage Industries provided the experience David needed to start his own company, helping others design and configure their own plastic manufacturing facilities.

After living as a bachelor for many years, David married Ellen Bernard in 2002, and began another happy episode in his life. The couple eventually moved to Gig Harbor, Washington where



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they would continue their relationship with the water, sailing on David's boat Ity-Bity, and enjoying yacht club life. Dave and Ellen eventually moved back to Lake Oswego, to support Ellen's father in his senior years. Shortly after her father's passing, Ellen was also taken from David after a short illness. Dave resumed his residence in Lake Oswego, where he remained until his death on November 16, 2019.

David is survived by his brother and sister-in-law John and Susan Hamilton of Oregon City, his step-mother Jeanette Hamilton of Salem, Oregon, his stepbrother Jeffrey and wife Chris Lawrence of Lyons, Oregon, and his sister-in-law Colleen Lawrence of Milwaukie. David was preceded in death by his father, Wesley Hamilton and step-brother Mark Lawrence. Dave will also be missed by numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at Holman-Hankins-Bowker &Waud Funeral Home at 715 7th Street in Oregon City at 11:00 am on Tuesday, November 26, 2019. The family requests donations in lieu of flowers to Do Good Multnomah, [www.dogoodmultnomah.org](http://www.dogoodmultnomah.org).



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