



# Ian Randolph Kent

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**I**an Randolph Kent was born in Portland, Oregon at Milwaukee Birth Center on December 4th, 1982. He passed away on Monday, February 20th, 2023, after suffering a seizure that stopped his heart at his home in Portland.

Early in school, testing revealed Ian's remarkable spatial talents. After graduating high school at Northwest Academy in downtown Portland, Ian began his career in landscape management and design. He completed the Master Gardener certification and excelled in every horticulture class he enrolled in through Portland Community College. He could name nearly every plant in the Pacific Northwest and speak knowledgably regarding their care. He could trim a chaotic plant or tree into beauty. If he built a pathway, you would find visual harmony in the placement of steppingstones. And, when building rock walls, you would think those rocks had always been there. He would also frequently bring home sickly plants to nurse back to life – demonstrating, again, both technical expertise and a gentle and caring touch. One of his last commercial contracts involved repeatedly breaking down beaver dams in a Tualatin wetland. Physically challenging, and not a job most of us could conduct, Ian felt motivated by nature. Wearing his waders and walking through the river, watching birds and beavers and their changing patterns, he was thrilled to be surrounded by wilderness right in the city.

Ian was an ardent hunter and fisherman. He found joy in every occasion where he could be immersed in nature, and especially so with his dog at his side. Martial arts was another passion of Ian's that shaped his meditative and philosophical disposition. He began training at 14 years old and never stopped practicing. He was a patient and enthusiastic teacher as well, showing others how to improve their health by incorporating martial arts exercises. He was devoted to gardening, loved music and cooking, and despite his dyslexia, he had great appreciation for literature, which he absorbed through audio books.

Ian's warm, positive, outgoing personality drew people to him everywhere he went. Whether you were a friend, client, family member, or stranger he met on the street, he connected to your heart.



## Obituary

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He had an incredible craft of wit and storytelling, often turning an everyday conversation into an event to remember. Ian Kent's spirit touched our hearts and uplifted us with his light.

Ian is survived by his mother Gretchen Randolph, father Eric Kent, sister Carlin Koontz, uncle Coy Lay, cousin David Lay, grandmother Madeline Lay, and Leslie Sprague, his deeply loved partner of 14 years and their dog, Emerson.

The family requests no flowers. If you would like to further honor Ian Kent's memory, please donate in his name to the Klickitat Trail Conservancy. After pushing the donate button you will be directed to enter a donation of your choice, under the donation amount click the + sign. This will allow you to add a special message with your donation.

Klickitat Trail Conservancy

<https://www.klickitat-trail.org/>

Ian's Celebration of Life:

Please join friends and family as we share stories and photos.

Sunday, April 23rd 12pm-3pm

Please join us at

Gino's Restaurant

8051 SE 13th Avenue

Portland, OR 97202

Additions to the Tribute Wall are appreciated, whether memories or photos.



# Events

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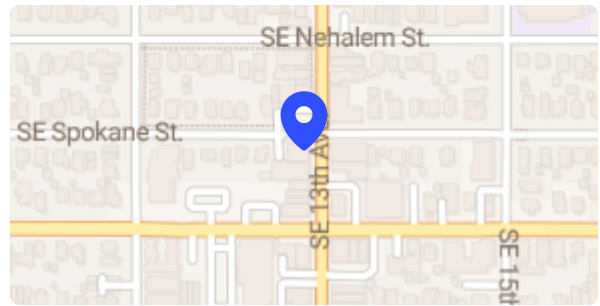
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## Celebration of Life

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 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM PT

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KG

**Karen Greco** shared 6 photos to the **Memories Album** album.



April 22 at 8:00 PM

KG

**Karen Greco** posted:

We have known Ian his whole life and are friends of the family. He was kind and willing to help others, had an artistic eye and was a talented landscaper. Ian carefully planted three beautiful magnolias for us in our backyard and they continually bring us joy. In 2008 we spent Christmas with Ian and his family. We had been out of power for several days and they took us in and shared their Christmas with us and their three dogs. Ian loved dogs which was evident from the connection he had with them. We miss Ian although his memory will live on for us in those magnolia trees.

April 22 at 7:52 PM

CL

**Coy Lay** posted:

Ian was my nephew. He was a fine fellow, thoughtful and kind. He struggled with learning disabilities when he was young but was a very intelligent and insightful guy. People loved him and he loved them back. He was a remarkable landscaper with judgment and a gifted sense of space and balance. He was a hard working guy and he loved his work and was proud of it. He lived the outdoor life with a passion for hunting and fishing and traveled the state and the region. He enjoyed the specialness of every place he went. I will miss him and his wry sense of humor.

April 21 at 2:37 PM

BS

**Brett Sheehan** posted:

I knew Ian because I was his landlord. Every time I would check out his place, he would have always made some improvement. Trimming the trees, planting new bushes, putting up a bird feeder. Ian could not help himself to make my yard look better. I'm glad Joe and I were able to plant his apple tree in my backyard. Every time I see the yard, I'm going to miss that guy

April 14 at 8:03 AM



## Tribute Wall

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**Ted** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.



April 5 at 6:37 AM



**Terry Norman Crawford** posted:

Neighbor, friend, wonderful human being. God's peace to him and his family. Terry and Peggy Crawford

March 29 at 7:50 AM



**Holman Hankins Bowker & Waud** shared an album called **Memories Album**.



March 24 at 10:31 AM



**Karen Greco** shared 6 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

April 22 at 8:00 PM



Ian planting magnolia trees.



Those beautiful trees now.



Christmas 2008 with Ian and his family



Ian, Gretchen & Carlin demonstrating their love of dogs.



Christmas dinner



Ian carving the turkey



## Media

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Ted shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

April 5 at 6:37 AM





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**Holman Hankins Bowker & Waud** shared 3 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

March 24 at 10:31 AM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ian by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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