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DONALD R. CURTIS

Mr. Donald R. Curtis, Ph. D., age 70, passed away September 11, 2005 at home in Boring, Oregon from cancer.

Mr. Curtis and his wife Kathleen Wegener lived in Crockett six years, from 1990 through 1995, while Kathleen was the Administrator/CEO for the Houston County Hospital.

Mr. Curtis was born October 6, 1934 in Woods Cross, Utah to parents Alvin W. Curtis and Emma L. Peterson Curtis. Mr. Curtis graduated from East High School in Salt Lake City. Mr. Curtis joined the army in 1952 and was a Korean War veteran.

Mr. Curtis worked for IBM for 17 years and then returned to college, earned his Masters in Business Administration from Weber State University. And went on to earn a doctorate degree in Marketing and Management from the University of Utah. Then became a college professor or taught Business and Marketing at several colleges and universities including Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon and Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, and retired in 1996.

Mr. Curtis was a talented singer, actor, artist, horticulturist and landscaper, was a reverend with the Universal Life Church, and performed the marriage ceremonies for two of his sons, Kyle and John. Mr. Curtis and Kathleen started their iris nursery, the CW Iris Ranch, in 1991 in Crockett; the nursery was re-established in Boring, Oregon. Don was passionate about life. And was interested in everything, was a world traveler, visited all 50 states, and was a lifelong learner.

A devoted and loving father, husband and best friend, Mr. Curtis leaves behind his wife of 25 years, Kathleen Wegener; daughter Rebecca, son-in-law Jack and granddaughter Stella of Albany, Oregon; sons Steven of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Kyle and daughter-in-law Caroline of Anchorage, Alaska, and John, daughter-in-law Deanna, grandson Cameron and granddaughter Alyssa of Vancouver, Washington; brothers Jerry in Utica, Ohio and Douglas in Magma, Utah; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. He will be sorely missed by all.

A private family memorial service is planned. Remembrances to Cares Northwest, or a favorite charity.

Graham Funeral chapel