



## Steven Thomas May

March 22, 1941 - April 22, 2016

STEVEN THOMAS MAY March 22, 1941 ~ April 22, 2016 Steve was born in Sioux Falls, SD, firstborn son of Reginald and Helen May. He grew up in California and graduated in 1959 from Richmond Union High School, Richmond, CA. He joined the U.S. Marine Corp and was stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA and Kodiak, AK. He discharged in 1964 and a few years later migrated to SW Washington where he bought acreage in Ridgefield and raised Red Angus. He worked for the phone company during the years as it morphed from Pacific NW Bell, Qwest, AT&T, Alcatel, Lucent, and took early retirement to become a snowbird in the mid-1990s. He travelled and spent Summers in Ocean Park, WA and Winters in Arizona and Tagaytay City, Philippines. Steve was a voracious reader, enjoyed dabbling in the stock market, playing water polo, celebrating potluck dinners at the RV parks, and most any conversations around a fire pit. He loved jazz and was a long time member of the Oregon Jazz Society enjoying many jazz festivals in Monterey, CA, Oregon and Washington over the years. Steve was generous to a fault with friends and family, sponsored an orphaned child overseas for many years, and someone will get to enjoy the beautiful sights of the world through his donated eyes in their future. Steve is survived by his loving wife, Myrna; and three siblings, Suzanne Anker of Portland, OR, Sheila Avery of Ridgefield, WA, and Scott May of Tagaytay City, Philippines. Services celebrating Steve will be 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Vancouver, WA. Please sign his guestbook at [www.columbian.com/](http://www.columbian.com/)

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# Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ I met Steve seven years ago when he joined our poker group in the Philippine. He was a calm, generous and spiritual man. We all liked him! He will be missed and will be in our memories!

Janice & Allen Behnia

April 29, 2016

Allen Behnia - April 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Condolences from Chito, Ally and the boys. My Dad also sends condolences. Thoughts and prayers with you.

April 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Best big brother around ! We'll look forward to seeing you again to share more stories.

love, Sheila

Sheila Avery - April 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ We love you Steve, please pass along hugs and kisses to Mom and Dad for us. See you on the other side...SWAK...

Scot-n- Dee May - April 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ Steve has been an inspiration, we remember him n his camper n how he lived his life freely. This memory created a positive image in our hearts. Now we imagine Mom Helen n Dad Reg serving him cookies and beer. hugs and prayers to the May Family.

cindy n bob villanueva - April 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. From George E. Nelson's family, Joan, Laurie, and Kevin.

April 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Sorry for your loss-- Steven is a very special person has a wonderful heart going to miss you

travis/mary paugh - April 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Simon and I only knew you for a while but we are so happy we were given the chance to meet such a lovely person as you...you will be missed Steve.

Camilla and Simon Barclay - April 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ RIP Steve, a great friend and neighbor at Mayfield Lake

Ron and Terri Cox - April 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time of your loss. Maxine Stanley

April 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ I would like to give my condolences to the May family. Steve has been in my life for 30 years. And he always greeted me with a smile and most of the time with a couple little dogs in tow ! Steve and Scott must have had an amazing Father because they both grew into gentle men! I hope you are enjoying your reunion Steve ...Rest in peace !

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**Brenda Garten** - April 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NH

“ Worked with Steve when I (Nancy) started with PNB, enjoyed each day with his laugh and stories. Have not been in touch for years but will have great memories of a wonderful man.

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**Nancy & Ken Harding** - April 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM