

K. Dwaine Cruser

Dr. K. Dwaine Cruser, 66, died Wednesday, June 9th in Ontario, Oregon.

He was born June 10, 1937 on the family farm in Heman, Idaho, the sixth child of Francis and Phoebe Cruser. The family moved to Boise in 1949 and Dwaine graduated from Boise High School in 1955. He attended Boise Junior College and then Portland State University, He studied dentistry at the University of Oregon School of Dentistry. He graduated in 1963 and joined the Air Force. He was stationed and treated patients at Travis Air Force base in California and then at Chambley Air Force

Base in France. In 1967 he left the Air Force to pursue graduate work in orthodontics at the University of Southern California. In 1969 he graduated and moved his family to Ontario, Oregon. He operated a vibrant orthodontic

practice there for twenty-five years.

He is and will be missed by his family, friends and patients. He was an intelligent, strong and compassionate man who loved his family and friends. He hunted, swung tennis and racquetball rackets, ran Bay-To-Breakers and around his Ontario neighborhood, loved Beethoven, skied throughout the west and in the Alps, cast line in the Columbia, taught his daughters how to drive and how to work, joked and laughed, read, built, fixed and created. His way was one of intention.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Matt Cruser and sisters Colleen Bennett and Maureen Rigby. His brothers, Wendell, Stuart and Connley Cruser as well as his former wife Gerry Cruser and daughters Kelly Cruser and Kim Cruser-Scott survive him.

In lieu of flowers, Dr. Cruser's family requests that contributions are made to The Oregon Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 1311 North West 21st Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97209. Please specify contributions be

made to "research."

A memorial gathering will be scheduled in the future. All care will be taken to inform.