



## **Thomas Clifford Eggers**

*June 04, 1952 - March 14, 2009*

Thomas Clifford Eggers, 56, of Hillsboro, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2009.

He was a beloved son, husband, father, grandfather "Papa", brother, uncle and friend.

Born June 4, 1952, in Portland to Cliff and June Eggers, Tom spent his childhood in the Portland area, where he later attended Clackamas High School.

Tom met the love of his life, Jackie Lynn Prostek, in 1969, and they married the following year. Couples

who knew them were inspired by their love for each other. Together, they loved everything from traveling, to music, to home improvement, so long as they were together, but most importantly, their children and grandchildren.

In earlier years, Tom enjoyed outdoor activities such as camping, motorcycling, rock-climbing and white-water rafting. He especially loved creative endeavors such as photography and woodworking.

Tom worked most of his life in construction. The last seven years, Tom worked as general manager for Building Materials Specialties in Hillsboro, where they described him as an "integral part of the business" and "incredibly passionate about his work." He truly cared for others, not just with empathy, but with action. A leader by example, Tom was about results and his commitment often inspired others, as was the case when Tom co-founded and served as president of the Remodeler's Foundation, which works to refit homes for the elderly and people with disabilities. And just recently, Tom led his grandson's Cub Scout den in building a puppet theatre which they donated to the play-therapy department of a homeless shelter. He also volunteered numerous hours with organizations such as SOLV and Washington County Department of Aging and Veteran Services.

Tom's family describes him as being protective, safe, exciting, strong, intelligent, knowledgeable, bold, loving, with integrity, witty, reliable, 'ohana, passionate, compassionate, "Wiffle-Waffle," and most importantly, soul mate.

Tom is survived by his wife, Jackie; mother, June of Hillsboro; son, Jason and daughter-in-law, Becky Eggers of Woodburn; daughter, Melanie and son-in-law, Kory Roedel of Hillsboro; two sisters, Pam Rauchenstein of Vancouver, Wash., and Susan and her husband, Larry Lewis of Hillsboro; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Tom took great pride in his seven grandchildren, Rita, Olivia, Jonah, Hope, Eli, Connor and Hank. Tom considered himself blessed to also have two additional children he adopted into his heart, Brian and Ginger O'Hern, and their two daughters, Darien and Briley, of Montana.

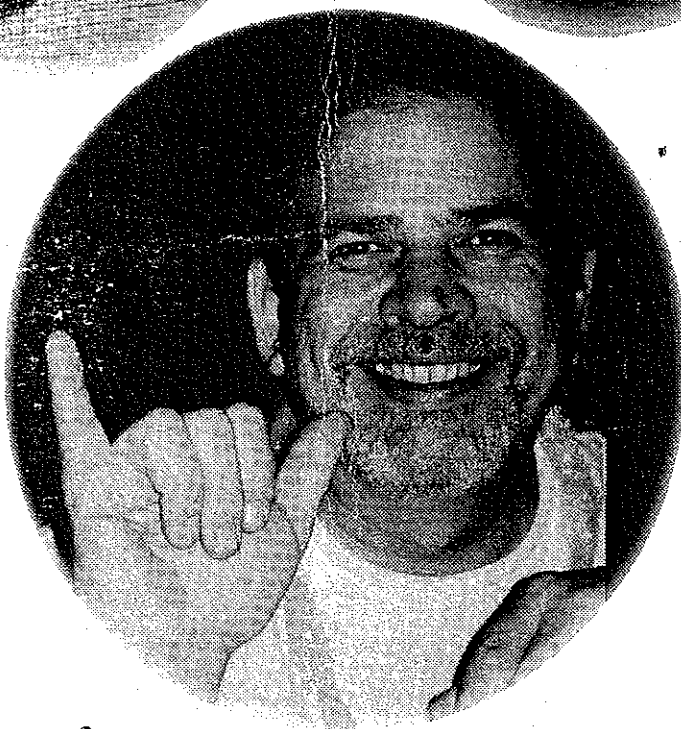
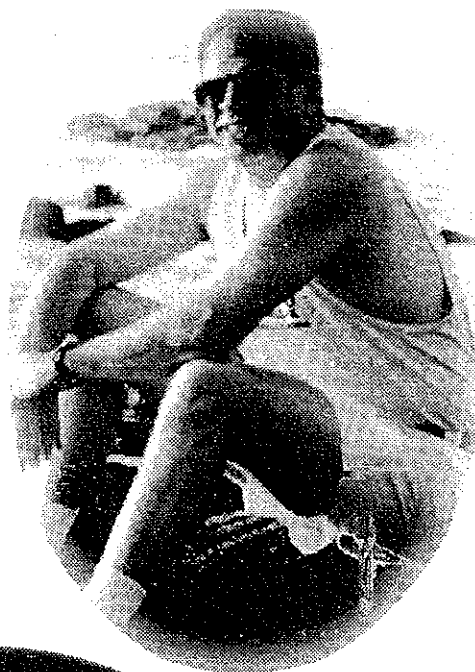
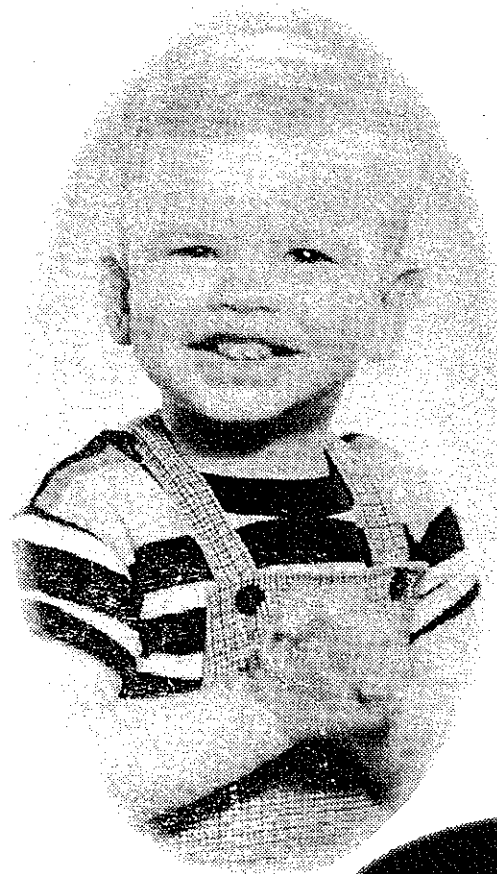
Tom was preceded in death by his father, Cliff Eggers.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at Fir Lawn Cemetery, 1070 W. Main St., Hillsboro. Tom will be laid to rest next to his father after the service. All are welcome to attend.

Please send remembrances to Loaves & Fishes Centers.

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# The Dash



By Linda Ellis

*I read of a man who stood to speak  
at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
from the beginning...to the end.*

*He noted that first came the date of her birth  
and spoke of the following date with tears,  
but he said what mattered most of all  
was the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time  
that she spent alive on earth  
and now only those who loved her  
know what that little line is worth.*

*For it matters not, how much we own,  
the cars...the house...the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love  
and how we spend our dash.*

*So think about this long and hard;  
are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left  
that can still be rearranged.*

*If we could just slow down enough  
to consider what's true and real  
and always try to understand  
the way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger  
and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives  
like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect  
and more often wear a smile...  
remembering that this special dash  
might only last a little while.*

*So when your eulogy is being read  
with your life's actions to rehash,  
would you be proud of the things they say  
about how you spent your dash?*



*"Build a better world," said God.  
And I answered, "How?  
The world is such a vast place,  
And complicated now.  
I am small and useless,  
there's nothing I can do."  
And God in all His wisdom said,  
"Just build a better you."*



Officiate: Pastor Bob Powell

Pall Bearers

Marc Cardinaux   Jason Eggers  
Jonah Eggers   Bill Markt  
Mac McCoy   Kory Roedel

Accompanist: Lorraine Barr



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To Whom It May Concern;

It is with a great deal of pride that I write to you in order to endorse the application being submitted by the Remodeling for Independence Together® organization.

I was heavily involved at the inception of this non-profit group; and from the very first project on, the goal of this organization has always been to allow individuals to remain living independently in their homes for as long as they want to. This organization has a board of directors that understand complex construction projects. They are tireless in their effort to help those in need of their services. Over the years of my involvement I met many clients who would have surely been institutionalized were it not for this group.

If the ReFIT® organization were to secure funding for part time staff to increase their efficiencies, I can assure you that those funds will be leveraged to help many more clients,

I believe in the mission of this group for two primary reasons-

1. **Leveraging Resources-** For the cost of institutionalizing one person, ReFIT® can keep 10 people in their homes, where they want to be, with in home services provided through the counties and the state.

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2. **It is the right thing to do-** Most of the clients they help have for years paid taxes and supported charitable organizations. These are in many cases the same people that have made our communities what they are today. They deserve to live with dignity and safety in their homes. They have earned that right.
3. They truly are, making our communities a better place, one home at a time.

In closing, I have seen the difference this organization makes. I have seen the smiles of their clients. I truly believe that this is an organization worthy of serious consideration.

Sincerely,

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General Manager

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