

Oregon Donor Family Testimonies

Donor: Alice M. Roach (4/10/1931) of Springfield, OR

During the 60s, Alice worked in Medical research at Harvard School of Public Health. In the 90s, she bested breast cancer, but ovarian cancer was discovered in June 2007. After various treatments, she moved to hospice care and died in March of 2011. All things medical filled her life, and she was delighted to contribute her body for research through MedCure.

--David W. Gilchrist

Donor: Kenneth John Rife (8/25/1946) of LaGrande, OR

My husband had such a horrible disease (pancreatic cancer) that he didn't know he had; it just sneaks up and takes you. Maybe by his donation someone can find something that can stop it. My husband was always willing to help anyone, no matter what, even when he was sick. He was a transplant donor and could not donate after the cancer metastasized to his lungs and liver—this was the next best thing. The last and final chance to possibly make a difference in the world.

--Debra Rife

Donor: Kenneth Carr (10/22/1947) of Medford, OR

Where do I start telling you about my hero, my best friend, a man with a heart of gold?

Kennie's last wish was to donate his brain to MedCure, so that in the future, others will live and have a great life.

I met Kenneth of February 4, 1988. It was love at first sight. We traveled the US and Canada for 12 years on our Harley! 384,462.4 miles. Great times!

When Kenneth was diagnosed with brain cancer on February 28, 2012, I felt my world come to an end. He understood what was going on, from radiation to chemo. Every day he would smile and say, "Just another hill to climb."

In the end, he smiled and said, "It's time to climb my last hill to Heaven." On January 24, 2013, Kenneth found his way home. This is why Kenneth is my angel, my hero, the love of my life.

Thank you Kennie for the great life we shared together!

Love you 4 ever,

Peaches...

--Lee Carr

Donor: David E. Crane (5/19/1935) of Cottage Grove, OR

My husband, David, was a moderate man his entire life. He ate well, exercised with his dogs, tended his Japanese garden and yards, and yet, he encountered many health conditions, and overcame them, with the help of medical doctors. David wanted to contribute something to medical science that could help others. His last wish was to donate this body to MedCure for that purpose.

--Dove Flowers