

G DUFF BLOOM

Duffy Bloom was born August 23, 1961 in Encino, California and died on December 24, 2020 in his beloved, adopted-hometown of Eugene, Oregon. He is survived by his siblings, Steve, Karen, Randi, Rex, Jon and Drew, along with 14 nieces and nephews, and 16 great-nieces and -nephews. Duffy graduated from the University of Washington in 1988 with BA degrees in Political Theory and Comparative Religion. Duffy then went on to attend and graduate in 1991 from Willamette University School of Law. While in law school he worked at SAIF Corporation as an appellate and special-projects law clerk and certified law student trial counsel. He began representing injured workers in 1991 at Coons, Cole and Cary, which became Cary, Wing and Bloom. There he represented his own clients, the Oregon Trial Lawyers' Association, the Farmworker Justice Fund, Legal Aid Services of Oregon, Oregon Advocacy Center, and the Oregon Law Center before the Oregon Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. In 2003, Duffy was appointed as an Administrative Law Judge.

Duffy's family and friends greatly loved him for his intellect, his courage, his compassion, his faith and his wit. His colleagues especially appreciated Duffy's love for the law, and for the workers' compensation practice. But there was a lot more to Duffy than the law. He had more CDs in his office than books. Grateful Dead, Eric Clapton, classical music, guitarists (he loved Stevie Ray Vaughn), on and on. Somehow his music just seemed like an extension of his wonderful, often quirky, unfailingly delightful personality. Duffy's family and extended family miss this irrepressible man.