



## Obituary

**Born:** Sunday, November 18, 1951

**Died:** Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Neil Parker Read, 64, of Pendleton, Oregon, passed away in his home on Wednesday, May 18th, 2016. He was born on November 18, 1951, and raised in Pendleton by his parents, Earnest Armon Read and Marion Arminda Fox.

Neil attended Sherwood Elementary, John Murray Junior High and Pendleton High School, graduating with the Class of 1970. After graduation, Neil attended Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho, receiving his bachelor's degree in business administration. He then worked for Tektronix in Beaverton, Oregon, while earning his Masters of Managerial Accounting from Portland State University. He worked for Tektronix for 14 years and loved to travel the world on their dollar. He also enjoyed taking his parents on adventures and spoke often of their trips to the Bahamas, Alaska, and Hawaii. In 2002, he retired at age 50 after working with Read & Bose CPAs in Pendleton for 14 years.

Neil was a dedicated accountant and had extraordinary mathematical skill. As a little boy, Neil would go to the grocery store with his mother and, as the clerk would take the groceries out of the basket, Neil would add the prices up in his head. Before the clerk hit total, they would ask Neil and he would be correct to the penny. Neil was an avid sports historian and statistician, quick to rattle off a team's record or roster from any period of time. During retirement, he spent most of his time watching sports, tracking the stock market, and visiting with his friends on Facebook. His favorite time of year was football season and watching the University of Oregon with his Duck crew, thanks to Patti Johlke and friends.

Neil is survived by his two brothers Max (husband of Sallie) Read of Houston, Texas, and Lonnie (husband of Vickie) Read of Pendleton, Oregon, as well as nieces and nephews Jolynn Corthell, Tami Read Stierna, Steven Read, Kelli Bullington, and Jeffrey Read. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, May 31st, 2016, at 2 p.m. at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton. A celebration of Neil's life will follow at The Prodigal Son. All those who knew Neil are invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Pendleton Foundation in care of Pioneer Chapel, 131 SE Byers Avenue, Pendleton, OR 97801.

## Service Summary

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### Graveside Service

2:00 PM Tue May 31, 2016

### Olney Cemetery

865 Tutuilla Road  
Pendleton, OR 97801

