

Ben Westlund
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Advisory: Treasurer Westlund to be honored at memorials Friday in Bend and Saturday at the state Capitol in Salem

Westlund Memorial Fund established to aid the Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon

SALEM – The public is invited to two memorial services for Oregon State Treasurer Ben Westlund, who died Sunday of cancer at the age of 60.

A Central Oregon celebration will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 12, at the Riverhouse Conference Center, 2850 NW Rippling River Court in Bend.

Westlund will be honored at the Oregon Capitol in Salem at a public ceremony in the House chamber at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 13.

Westlund was elected Treasurer in 2008 after serving 12 years in the Oregon Legislature. Before entering politics, he was an entrepreneur and agribusinessman in Central Oregon.

For the complete statement from the family, please see
<http://www.ost.state.or.us/News/Releases/2010/030710%20Treasurer%20Westlund%20dies%20of%20cancer.pdf>

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the Westlund family asks that financial contributions be directed to the Ben Westlund Memorial Fund, which will accept donations at any US Bank branch starting on Tuesday. The fund will benefit the Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon. The Redmond nonprofit provides services to people with intellectual or developmental disabilities in Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties.

“Ben Westlund really cared about people and was a longtime champion for people with mental and physical challenges,” said Darrel Wilson, the nonprofit’s executive director.

Correspondence and condolences that are sent and delivered to Westlund’s former Capitol office will be forwarded to the Westlund family.

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