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Dr. Bernard John Eastlund

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Dr. Bernard John Eastlund passed away on December 12, 2007 in St. Louis, Missouri. He was born August 7, 1938 in Salem, Oregon, to Ben Grodzke and Grace Grodzke. His father died in 1945. In 1948, his mother married Rolin Eastlund, who adopted him. He went to St. James grade school and McMinnville High School, and in his senior year moved to Salem and graduated from North Salem High School with a full scholarship to MIT. Dr. Bernard John Eastlund was a physicist who received his B.S. in physics from MIT and a his Ph.D. in physics from Columbia University. He received a Special Achievement Certificate from the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission in 1970 for co-invention of the "Fusion Torch." His hobby was astrophysics. Recently, he has co-authored two papers regarding pulsars in the Astrophysical Journal and presented a paper on Gamma Bursters. To quote his daughters words about her dad, "He was a brilliant scientist. He was a plasma physicist who earned his undergraduate degree from MIT and his doctorate from Columbia. He loved to learn about the world. He was fascinated by this creation. He studied about life on the grand scale, the universe, the cosmos, black holes, nebulae, star dust. He was equally fascinated with the small scale of things, particulate matter, ions, atoms, and what existed that was smaller than that." "Ben wanted to help the world. His inventions were mostly aimed at preserving life. He invented a field of antennae called HAARP that could lift off portions of the ionosphere and potentially change the weather. He was working on technology that could disrupt violent tornadoes even as they formed." "Ben was also a precious person. He was so generous. If you had a need and he had an ability to meet it, he would. He was comfortable with all sorts of people. He visited the sick and the old. He laughed and loved music, especially opera. Ben was a movie fan. He loved to take in a show and have popcorn. He always said the popcorn tasted better at the theater than anywhere else." Ben is survived by his wife, Sherrie; daughter, Beth (Steve) West of Liberty, Maine; sons, David (Julie) Eastlund of St Louis, Missouri and Robbie of Austin, Texas; eleven grandchildren, one great-grandchild; mother, Grace Eastlund; brothers, Mike (Jennifer) Eastlund and Jeff (Sarah) Eastlund of Salem, Oregon; aunts, Melba Daughtery of Salem, Oregon and Ruth Orton of Beaverton, Oregon; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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