

A special note from the family:

Special thanks to the amazing musicians:
Ken's grandchildren, Lucas, Corinne, and Owen Ruff

The entire Ken Ruff family would like to thank you for helping them celebrate the life of "The Chief." Your loving prayers, thoughts, e-mails, Facebook posts and pictures, gifts of food, flowers, and any way you've been a part of it have been greatly appreciated.

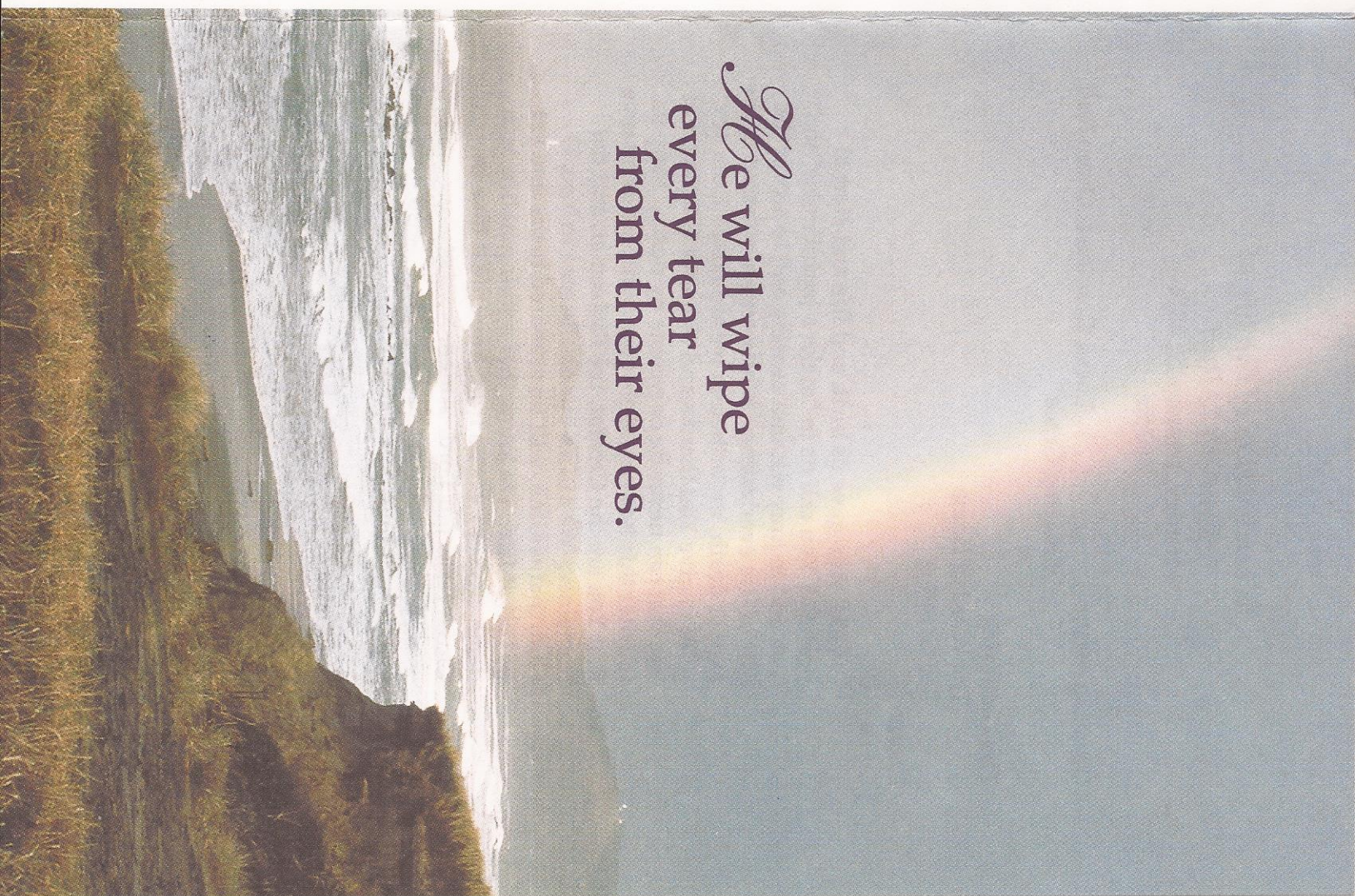
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the ISCA Foundation (Jay Zirkle, treasurer), 34553 Deerwood Drive, Eugene, OR 97405. Ken was a founding member and executive co-chair of the Irish Setter Club of America Foundation. He was passionate about its role to promote and fund efforts related to dog appreciation, health issues, rescue efforts and college scholarships.

Please join us to continue the celebration at Cabana Charley's (1470 Peace Rd Ste 103 · Sycamore) immediately following the service.

With love from Ken's whole family ~~ blessings and peace.

Words to Ashokan Farewell:

The sun is sinking low in the sky above Ashokan,
The pines and the willows know soon we will part,
There's a whisper in the wind of promises unspoken
And a love that will always remain in my heart.
My thoughts will return to the sound of your laughter,
The magic of dancing, moving as one,
And a time we'll remember long ever after,
The moonlight and music and dancing are done.



*We will wipe
every tear
from their eyes.*

In celebration of the life of

Kenneth L. Ruff

Monday, January 27, 2014

7:00pm

Opening Music

"Amazing Grace"

Lucas, Corinne & Owen Ruff

The Gathering

The Word of Grace

The Greeting

Prayer

Let us pray:

O God, who gave us birth and life and eternal promise, You call us to "make a joyful noise" to You and to pray without ceasing and to accept the gift of life everlasting. While we are sobered in the face of death, nevertheless we are raised from our grief to give You thanks and to honor the power of life that can never be overcome by death. Help us to enter this hour of celebration with the assurance that You are the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer. We affirm our confidence in You, O God, that we, too, will be prepared to die and yet be full of life. We know that nothing in life or in death can separate us from Your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Scripture

John 14:1-8, 18-19, 25-27

Witness to the life of Kenneth L. Ruff

Phil Ruff, Chad Ruff and Ron Talmage

Meditation

Pastor Jeffrey Bross

Special Music

"Malinconia (Vsaye)"

Owen Ruff

Prayer of Commendation

O God, all that we have is from You. As first you gave Ken to us, so now You have received Ken back into Your eternal love. We celebrate the power of resurrection that brings new life. Help us all to continue our celebration of Ken's life by the way we love and serve in the world, knowing that such is a witness to Your character of joy for the world.

Blessing

Almighty God, Ken's body is committed to rest, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. He rests from his labors yet his works live on. We celebrate, knowing he was baptized in Christ and is thus already clothed in Christ. We carry on with the joy of life and the promise of salvation. Amen and Amen.

*The Lord's Prayer (*Unison*)

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

"Ashokan Farewell" (Unger)

Lucas, Corinne & Owen Ruff