

# Stephen O. Anderson

## Supporting the Passions of Future Generations

Steve Anderson had several passions in his life – technology, conservation, and teaching. His interest in technology was ahead of his time. It started in college in the late 1960s when he studied computers long before Computer Science existed as a course of study and it continued for the rest of his life. His lifelong interest in conservation deepened when he discovered fishing in his 40s; he felt that preserving nature was something that everyone should make a part of their lives.

It was his teaching, however, that brought all of these interests together. While he was never employed as a teacher, he was a natural at explaining, encouraging, and cheering people on and this was best shown by his relationship with his younger brother of fifteen years, Bruce. He had a profound impact on Bruce, especially during his teenage years; Steve tutored him, advised him, and helped shape his educational choices. Bruce says that Steve gave him direction and encouraged him to follow his dreams, particularly to pursue science as a career and get a PhD. Bruce credits Steve with making him the man he is today.

When Steve passed away in June 2010 at the age of 62 from metastasized cancer, his personal passions for technology, nature, and teaching were cut short. Those passions, however, will continue in efforts by other people and programs, one of which is [WIRE](#) – the Windham Initiative for Renewable Energy. WIRE combines all of Steve's interests in a single program and, for that reason, a **matching challenge grant** has been created to help fund WIRE's work. If you knew Steve and his interests and are familiar with WIRE's objectives, you know that supporting WIRE captures the essence of Steve Anderson. In a sense, WIRE will let Steve continue to teach the next generation of scientists and environmentalists as it carries on his passion for technology and conservation. Your donation to the [Windham Endowment for Community Advancement](#), designated for WIRE, will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the grant and will help the next generation of scientists and conservationists to be their very best and to follow their dreams.

