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Bruce S. Boggs

Asheville – Bruce S. Boggs, 51, of Asheville, devoted father, passionate tanguero, gifted artist, brilliant professional, well-traveled world citizen dear to many, died unexpectedly at his home on Monday, June 1, 2009.

Born in Durham on November 15, 1957, Bruce also lived in Kentucky, Virginia, and Oregon, most recently returning to North Carolina to be near family. He graduated summa cum laude in 1979 with a BA in Sociology and Anthropology from Transylvania U, then received an MS in Rural Sociology at UK in 1983.

His career in economic development and conservation leadership training with non-profits had a global impact. Bruce received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service while at the Center for Improving Mountain Living at WCU, and gave of his highly respected professional skills while with Rural Development Initiatives in Oregon, The Nature Conservancy, and most recently Signet Research & Consulting.

Bruce left an indelible impression on all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his beloved son, Gavin Boggs, Gavin's mother, Jane Ware, adopted daughter, Vista Huggins and her son, Isaiah of Georgia; mother, Gail Waldeck of Berea, Ky.; father, Jim Boggs and his wife, Elizabeth, of Woodford Co, Ky.; brothers, Brian Boggs of Asheville and Boyd Boggs of Charleston; sister, Beth Buckler of Louisville; nephews, Clay Boggs, Julian Boggs, Alex Buckler; niece, Rachel Buckler; godmother, Nancy Anderson of Durham; and countless close friends, including the tango community of Asheville and far beyond.

A celebration of Bruce's life will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at his home in Asheville.

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