



# Loren Oliver Ragan

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**L**oren was born May 26, 1934 to Oliver Lewis and Gladys (Kanavle) Lewis on the family farm in Nelson, Nebraska. Loren started his education going to a one room school house just outside of Nelson. In 1948 he moved to Portland with his Mother and younger sister Lilian. Loren began attending Portsmouth Middle School where he “informally” changed his name from Oliver Loren Lewis to Loren Ragan, as Ragan was his Mother and Step-Father, Mike’s, last name. Loren attended Roosevelt High School where he graduated in 1953. After graduating he served in the Army and later attended Portland State University. In 1960 Loren married Deanna Peters, they were married for 46 years until her death in 2006. They had 3 children, Lorrie, Michael and Timothy.

The family moved from Portland to Scappoose in 1976. Loren resided there until his death. Loren worked for Pacific Resin Company as a machinist for many years before going to Beall Pipe and Tank, which later became NW Tank and Casing where in retired in 1996. Loren was an amazing mechanic and was known for his ingenuity and craftsmanship. His passion was restoring old Fords but was featured in a Hot Rod Magazine article, From Rust to Rod, for the work he did on his 1934 Oldsmobile. Loren restored a dozen or so cars and trucks ranging from 1926 to 1946. Loren loved going to Car Shows, Cruise-Ins and showing his favorite cars off in parades around the state.

He is preceded in death by his Mother, Father and wife Deanna. He is survived by his children Lorrie (Burns) Ragan, Michael Ragan, Timothy Ragan; his sister Lilian Carner; his 9 grandchildren; and his 3 great-grandchildren.

A private celebration of life will take place at a later time.



## Tribute Wall

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SZ

**Susan Ziglinski** posted:

To the Ragan Family, I am sorry to hear about your loss of your father. I worked with Loren at Pacific Resins and we lived close in North Portland and enjoyed many of the activities at the Columbia Boys Club. Our group at Pacific Resins was close and we all heard about each others families. May Loren Rest in Peace and enjoy the afterlife. Susan Ziglinski

November 15 at 12:59 PM

DU

**Dan Unger** posted:

Loren always had a smile, especial when talking cars or car shows. He was also a veteran. Loren will be missed .My condolences to the Ragan family

November 15 at 7:10 AM

JB

**John And Cesca Breach** posted:

Loren was one of our favorite neighbors! Always willing to lend a helping hand. Loved to stop by his house and see what auto he was building. We'll miss him!! We pray for God's comfort for all of his family!

November 13 at 5:53 AM

MH

**Mike Hafeman** posted:

Loren was a great neighbor! He was always friendly and had a great smile. Prayers to the family.

November 8 at 5:03 PM

LS

**Lorene Sykes** posted:

It breaks my heart to hear of Loren passing. He and Randy always had so much fun at the car shows together. He was such a great person always had a smile for us. Hope now he and Rand are catching up together.

November 6 at 3:13 PM



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**Charlene Ascher** posted:

George Morin (dec.2019) and I attended many of the cruise-ins and St. Johns Parades with Loren and Karleen. Who could forget that whiskey truck? I also knew Loren and Lillian from James John grade school (now that is really going back a long time). My condolences to his family, he was a good friend. Charlene Ascher, Portland

November 6 at 8:42 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Loren by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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