



Wayne Wilson Welch

October 6, 1936 - May 18, 2021

Wayne passed away at his home in St. Helens on May 18th 2021, surrounded by his family - He was 84 years old.

Wayne Wilson Welch was born on October 6th 1936, a beautiful fall day, in Brookland, Arkansas. He spent his childhood with his four siblings and their mother Florence and graduated from Monette High School in 1955. In 1956 he moved to Oregon to pursue a job opportunity.

Shortly after moving to Oregon he met Gloria Bauer through a mutual friend. Wayne and Gloria married on May 24th 1958 and together they raised their sons while living in Portland for many years before moving to Columbia County. He worked as a journeyman pipefitter for over 42 years until he retired in 1999. Wayne and Gloria traveled in their motorhome and enjoyed visiting different parts of the country in their retirement. Wayne loved spending time with his family and friends, camping, fishing, traveling and sightseeing.

Anyone who met Wayne knew he loved to talk and tell stories - he was friendly and outgoing and could carry on a conversation with anyone he met. He was full of life and stayed active, he enjoyed golfing and daily walks around the neighborhood.

Wayne is survived by his wife Gloria, their two children David and Steven Welch, daughter in law Kathleen Welch, granddaughters Lyndsay Nesbitt and Laura Stafford and great-granddaughter Lennon Stafford. He is survived by two of his brothers, Cleatus and Charles Welch, sister in law Ramona Welch and nephews Chuck and Kenneth Welch and three great-nieces.

Comments



“ We just heard about Wayne’s passing. We are so sorry for your loss. Saw him at Safeway a couple of months ago, he said he was having issues. He was such a joy to talk to. Loved his stories. Hugs

Ted and Rhoda Lufkin - June 08 at 10:45 PM



“ We are so sad to hear of Wayne’s passing. I will miss playing outside with our kids and talking to Wayne through the fence. He always loved seeing our family as it grew. Him and Gloria always loved it when we brought over fresh jam we just made. Our thoughts and prayers to the whole family.

Kalena Loomis - June 07 at 11:11 PM



“ Wayne was such a joy to be around and was a special friend. We so enjoyed our weekly dinners together. He will be greatly missed.
Ron & Ruby

Ruby Love - June 02 at 07:51 AM



“ So sorry to have just seen the notice of Wayne's passing...He was a very funny and amazing man.... I feel lucky to have know him.....Our sincere sympathy and regards to Gloria and the famiy

Linda Bolen - June 01 at 09:57 PM