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Charles (Chuck) Ray Tipton was laid to rest after a courageous battle with cancer. Chuck will forever be remembered as an honorable man and father, and an all-around “good guy.” His colorful storytelling, sense of humor, endless support, encouraging words, fastidious note-taking, and love of animals will forever be emboldened among those he touched in his life. He liked to tease his beloved family members and friends with practical jokes like rattling his hair, wearing a pair of old wire-rimmed glasses, appearing as a hunchback with a pillow stuffed into his shirt, and bringing scary things home in his lunch pail. Despite these antics, his role as a husband, father, brother and friend was cherished.

Chuck was born in Swain County, North Carolina. When he was but three years old, his parents Clelland and Mary (nee Gourley) moved to Kelso, Washington; however, Clell always considered North Carolina home. As such, the family moved back and forth, but Chuck preferred the Pacific Northwest. To his pleasure, the family settled in Kelso for the remainder of Chuck’s growing up.

Chuck worked at the Kelso Theater as an usher while attending both Kelso High School and Lower Columbia College. During this time he met and married Barbara (nee Slater) whom attended RA Long High School. In 1958, the couple moved to Newport, Oregon where Chuck worked at Georgia

Pacific in Toledo until he retired in 1998. His second marriage to Gail (nee Nelson) blessed him with a fourth daughter, Stephanie. The couple remained in Newport until Chuck relocated to Longview to care for his mother. His final resting place was Corvallis, Oregon where he lived at Regency Park Place Assisted Living.

Chuck is survived by brothers James (Mary) and Clancy, children Leigh-Ann Larkin (Pat), Mike Tipton (Linda), Jennifer, Amy, and Stephanie, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

It is with great sorrow we say good bye. Our dad, grandpa, brother and friend will be forever loved and missed.

A family service will be held in September along the Oregon Coast.

Tribute Wall

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“ Chuck was a big brother to me. I met him when I was 9 when he came to our home to date my big sister. He became my brother-in-law later. He liked to play tricks on my other sister and I..some funny, some scary. I can still hear his great laughter.He got such a kick out of amusing us..He was someone who would pick you up if you were down. Mom and Dad loved him. He was a "natty" dresser and could win rock and roll dances with my older sister. He remained a dear brother at heart through bad times. Such a comfort he was.His agony is gone. I will see him in Heaven.

Donna Slater Nisbet - July 26, 2018 at 09:01 PM

MT

He really loved you, always told me about the tricks he played on you girls.

Michael Tipton - July 27, 2018 at 08:27 AM

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Thank you, Mikey

Donna Slater Nisbet - July 27, 2018 at 09:05 AM



Charlie was a great man. I remember over 30 years ago talking with charlie he was a machine tender and I was a 6th hand. Bottom of the ladder. He was a great operator. Very calm. Knew his machine. And his demeanor reflected it. . Now I look back. Over 30 years later. And I am now where charlie stood. Running the machine. Watching out for the crew and doing what's right. Rest in peace charlie...we will miss you.. RJ.

Ron Jenkins - July 29, 2018 at 12:05 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Leigh-Ann Larkin - July 26, 2018 at 01:40 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album *Remembering Chuck*



Leigh-Ann Larkin - July 26, 2018 at 11:35 AM