



Galen Laurel Carpenter

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Galen Laurel Carpenter, beloved husband, father and grandfather left us suddenly October 3, 2014.

Galen was born on May 11, 1949 in Corvallis to Swin C. Carpenter and Irene L. Carpenter. He was the baby of the family having two older brothers and an older sister. He graduated from Corvallis High School in 1967. In 1969, he was drafted into the army and served until 1971. He was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany where he was in the transportation unit. He enjoyed Germany and hoped to return one day for a visit.

Galen held several jobs during his life. He started working for Brand S in the plywood mill while he was still in high school. He worked with his Dad building custom homes for a few years and on his Dad's retirement; he started working at Evanite battery separator division until it closed. He started working for Mid Valley Gravel in 1990, where he worked until his retirement in May 2014.

Galen loved to fish above all else. This past summer was spent trout fishing every weekend with his son, daughter-in-law and his five grandchildren. They had a wonderful time and it became quite a competition as to who caught the

first fish, the biggest fish and the most fish.

He also had a passion for reading and you could find him sitting in his lawn chair on the front lawn reading his kindle most days. He visited with the neighbors as they walked by and made many friends that way.

He loved his family and family get-togethers especially Christmas Eve and the yearly Carpenter reunion.

Galen is survived by his wife of 36 years, Debbie; his son, Avern (wife, Karen); and his five grandchildren; Summer, Kylie, Nathan, Luke and Ava; his oldest brother, David (wife Gerrie), middle brother, Carl (wife, Mary); sister, Elaine (husband, Earnie Gregory); eight nieces and nephews, their spouses and children. Both of his parents preceded him in death.

He will be greatly missed.

Tribute Wall

PW

“ To Debbie and family I just learned of Galens passing, I am saddened to hear this. Gather your family and stay strong. Your old friend Pete Wilson

Pete Wilson - October 20, 2014 at 09:58 PM

PS

“ To Debbie, Avern, Karen & Family,
Just wanted to offer our condolences on your loss. I remember Galen as a "Gentle Giant" kind of a guy, always with a smile. I know it's been a long time ago, but I still look back at those days at Wayne Buck; the people, the characters, the stories:) Please know that you're in our thoughts and prayers.
Pete Sekermestrovich

Pete Sekermestrovich - October 17, 2014 at 06:03 PM

DE

“ Galen was a good friend. Sorry He had to leave so suddenly. I've missed his friendship for some time. I will always remember Him fondly. DS.



Dennis - October 14, 2014 at 10:11 PM

BT

“ It has been quite a few years since I saw Galen last, probably more than 10. I used to work with Galen at Evanite Fiber Battery Separator Plant, and I will always remember how friendly and easy going he was. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. My deepest condolences to his wife and family.

Brad Tharp - October 13, 2014 at 08:53 PM

PR

“ I was so sorry to hear about Galen. I haven't seen him in many years. The Stanton kids and the Carpenter kids had many adventures together when we were all growing up on Hall Lane (now Crystal Lake Drive). I only saw him a few times as an adult. I don't think I ever saw him without a smile on his face though, and he always made me laugh...he had a great laugh! Please accept my heartfelt sympathies for your loss. He was a great guy. Patti Stanton Richey

Patti Stanton Richey - October 11, 2014 at 07:37 PM

KC

“ Karen Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Galen Laurel Carpenter



Karen Carpenter - October 10, 2014 at 12:07 PM

BH

“ I am Julie's sister and Karen's aunt from Iowa. I did not know this kind looking gentleman , but have enjoyed seeing all the pictures posted by Karen and Avern of him enjoying his family. My thoughts and prayers to all of the family. He has now gained his ANGEL wings and will forever be watching over all of you. God bless. Brenda Summers Hagg.

Brenda Summers Hagg - October 10, 2014 at 12:13 AM

GS

“ When I think of Galen I remember all the times we went fishing or hunting and just enjoying his company. I have known Galen for over 55 years, having grown up just down the street from him. We played together all the time when we were kids and he was moms favorite of all the kids who came over,we all enjoyed spending time with him. He will be missed. I Know you will miss him also Debbie and know you will be in our thoughts also.

Gene and Bonnie

Gene Stanton - October 09, 2014 at 04:22 PM

LW

“ We are going to miss his friendly smile and wave.
So sorry for your loss.

God Bless

Larry and Linda Winklepleck

Larry Winklepleck - October 09, 2014 at 11:08 AM

MI

“ Debbie, I am so sorry to hear about Galen. I really enjoyed getting to know the two of you. He was such a kind hearted jokester. You are in my thoughts. Michelle Bliss (RN)

Michelle - October 08, 2014 at 10:22 PM

CJ

So sorry for your loss. Grew up in the same neighborhood with Galen and his family and spent many hours with them when we were children. We were fortunate to see him a few times at WinCo in the last couple of years to visit a bit. He will be missed.

Carol Marrs Jarvis

Carol Jarvis - October 10, 2014 at 10:40 PM