



Larry Belcher

December 18, 1943 - February 4, 2024

Larry Belcher passed away on February 4, 2024 at Emerald Care in Wapato, WA. Larry was born December 18, 1943 to Lenora and John Clarence Belcher in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Larry spent a lot of his youth traveling with his mother and father on the horse racing circuit up and down the west coast. Larry lived in many locations in his lifetime but always referred to White Swan as home. Larry talked fondly of coming home to his grandparent's home in White Swan. He worked for AAA while living in California and retired from there and moved back to White Swan.

Larry enjoyed volunteering with the Toppenish Eagles Junior Rodeo. In 2011 Larry was the Cowboy of the Year. Larry also enjoyed volunteering at the Central Washington Jr Livestock Show. He will be missed by many knowing him by "Uncle" Larry.

Larry's surviving White Swan family includes Steve and Anita Gardener and the Bailey Bunch. He enjoyed spending time and nurturing friendships at the Toppenish Eagles.

Larry Belcher was Dad to "his girls", Lisa Nickel and Jessie Shaw, Father-in-law to Jim Nickel and Tim Shaw, "Papa Larry" to his grandchildren, Michael Nickel, his spouse, Emily Nickel, Lily Nickel and her fiancé Garon McClelland. He was also Uncle Larry to Sharra Dixon Luper-Cortez, her favorite uncle when she was little. To "his girls," he was the dad who would take us to movies and make unscheduled stops to read every historical marker (even though he had them memorized.) He taught us to go down roads we had

never been down, and gave us endless history lessons. To Michael he was the man who painted all of the tree trunks from California to Washington. To Lily he was the best storyteller. For all of us he was the person who started our family tradition of giving Hallmark ornaments every Christmas. A Tradition we continue. He loved a good rom-com, western, or war movie. He had many friends, loved Trivial Pursuit, horses, dogs and cats. We are all sad to see him go, but we are comforted know he is no longer in pain and is reuniting with family and friends that went before him

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Larry when we worked at AAA together. And when I left California moved to Idaho he came to visit and him and I took a road trip to Silver city which involved several wrong turns and then getting his truck towed back to my house because the brakes went out, we enjoyed our time with him riding horses and shooting the breeze.

Rebecca Hollingsworth - March 17, 2024 at 10:41 PM

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“ Larry and I were friends for 40 years. We went to Mexico on vacation with our wives, Sharon West and Debbie Belcher. Larry was a hell of an athlete and horseman. He helped me coach basketball at St John in El Cerrito, CA. He had his ways but will be missed. Rest in Peace. The West Family

Wayne West - March 13, 2024 at 10:16 PM