



Cecil D. Blanton

June 18, 1943 - February 6, 2021

Cecil Blanton, age 77, died Feb. 6, 2021, after a brief battle with cancer. He was born June 18, 1943, in Qualla, NC, to Edward and Pearlie (Laws) Blanton.

Cecil moved to Anchorage, AK, in 1961 after graduating from Sylva-Webster High School. While attending Alaska Methodist University, Cecil met the love of his life, Connie. They were married Aug. 18, 1963. After spending most of the following 44 years in Alaska, they left the Last Frontier in 2005 and moved to Vancouver, WA, in order to be closer to their four grandchildren.

Of all the things that could be said about Cecil, what his family and friends will remember the most are his outgoing personality, pride in his North Carolina roots and the utter love and devotion he showed to his wife, children, grandchildren, family and friends. He was a devoted Christian, putting his full trust in Jesus Christ.

Cecil is survived by his two children, Cheri Chavers (Tyler) and Mark Blanton of Vancouver; grandchildren, Austin and Amber Chavers, Hannah Blanton of Vancouver and Matthew Blanton of Parkersburg, WV; sisters, Glee Banner and Lois Smith (Ron) of Weaverville, NC. In 2009, he was preceded in death, and never quite recovered, by his wife of 46 years, Connie Blanton.

No services are planned. In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a card to the staff of Cecil's last earthly home, Brookdale Vancouver Stonebridge, 7900 NE Vancouver Mall Dr., Vancouver, WA 98662. Their care of him overall but especially during a pandemic was nothing short of miraculous. They made arrangements so his family was able to be with him in his last days, a kindness that will never be forgotten.

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“ So many memories of my dear brother Cecil Blanton. He was very sweet growing up as siblings. He was also very exploring. He had big dreams to move from his birthplace of Camp Creek , NC. So at 18 years old , he moved to Alaska with my aunt and uncle , Lucille & Emery Gunter. So he did plenty of exploring there and never moved back to his NC home place. Got married , had children , got some visits with us in NC and we thoroughly loved those visits. So there are so many memories of him, loving , generous, loved our mother and dad, loved his wife Connie and two children Cheri and Mark. Most of all we all loved him and were so excited to see them again. Now Cheri and Mark, we are so sorry you lost your father and we lost our brother , but we all know he's happy now in his eternal heavenly home with Jesus. God bless all the families. We love you all , Lois Blanton Smith and husband Ron

Lois Blanton Smith - February 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM