



## Churchel Leo Smith

March 27, 1932 - July 23, 2020

### Obituary

#### Churchel Leo Smith

was the second born son of nine brothers and sisters to Clyde Smith and Beulah Viola Maggard. He was born March 27, 1932 in Cedar Grove, Missouri. He graduated from Houston High School.

In his early twenties, Churchel (better known as Smitty) moved to La Grande, Oregon, where he met his wife, Janice Kay Smith. They were married May 19, 1958 in Weiser, Idaho. They lived most of their married life in Carver, Oregon, Vancouver, Washington and, most recently, in Battle Ground, Washington.

They celebrated 61 years of marriage on their last anniversary. They were best friends and were inseparable during the last 20 years of their marriage, spending the winter months, for over twenty years, in Apache Junction, Arizona, where they developed friendships from all over the United States.

Smitty was a "Ford" man and started his mechanic career working at the gas station owned by his father in Raymondville, Missouri. In 1965 he was hired by Northwest Pipeline Corporation as an engine

mechanic and transferred to Carver, Oregon. In 1975 he transferred to Battle Ground, Washington, and retired from The Williams Companies Inc., owner of Northwest Pipeline Corporation, in 1991.

Churchel was preceded in death by his wife, Janice; daughter, Jonna Lynn Smith; parents, Clyde and Beulah Smith; brother, Troy Smith; and sisters, Arlene Lightbody and Shirley Hafner.

He is survived by his daughter, Julie Murray; son, Randall Smith; son-in-law, Kevin Murray; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren; brothers, Hershel, Roy and Eddie Smith; and sisters, Sue Whitney and Aleene Hayes.