



Clare Leroy Murray

August 11, 1935 - January 19, 2017

Clarence Leroy "Clare" Murray was born on August 11, 1935 in Mankato, Kansas. He was one of three children born to Dale and Mary McCurdy Murray. The Murray family lived in various places in Idaho and Oregon before finally settling in Sweet Home, Oregon. Clare graduated from Sweet Home High School in 1953, and worked at the mill there alongside his dad for a couple of years before attending Linfield College. Clare graduated from Linfield in 1959, and promptly entered the U.S. Army. Clare spent most of his two-year enlistment in Alaska, and for years afterward always spoke of the rugged beauty of that state. Clare married the former Sandra Cashner in 1962 in Portland, Oregon. Together they had three daughters: Michelle Christine, Jennifer Nicole, and Alison Lynn. The Murray family moved to Vancouver, Washington in 1976. Clare worked as a probation officer for the State of Washington for many years and as a security guard in his retirement. Clare was a loving father who deeply cared for his three daughters, and a dedicated, loving husband to his wife Sandy as well. He was an avid reader and an enthusiastic walker who would often walk 2-3 times a day. Clare also enjoyed making his own walking sticks. He had a love for his two poodles, Rudy and Mia, and also enjoyed visiting the Oregon Coast. Clare passed away on Thursday, January 19th 2017 after a brief illness, and is sorely missed and loved by his family and friends. Clare is survived by his wife, Sandy, of Vancouver; daughters Michelle Campbell of Vancouver; Jennifer Murray of Spokane, Washington; Alison Heckman of Happy Valley, Oregon,

and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; older sister Cleta Wills; and younger brother Larry. Remembrances may be made in Clare's name to the SW Washington Humane Society.

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“ *I was Clair first cousin on his mothers side of the family. Happy to hear he had a good life. I only knew him when I was very young. Clair was three or four years older than myself I used to spend a week at Aunt Mary's in the summer time when they lived in Sweet home*

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