



Leroy Allen Couture

September 14, 1937 - February 23, 2011

Our much loved husband, treasured father, cherished brother and dearest friend was peacefully ushered into eternity on Wednesday, February 23, 2011. Leroy Couture, 73, of Vancouver, Washington was born in Sacred Heart, Minnesota and moved to Oregon as a young boy. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1955, and began a career in printing, setting type. While still in Lincoln High, he was well on his way to a musical vocation, too, playing country music in Portland at the Liberty Theater, Watkins Park, and Division Street Coral. While in the Army, he played music in the Special Services for Entertaining. He continued to play music after the Army in bands such as: LeRoy and the Ramblers, and on a local TV show called Hoedown with Buddy Simmons and the Drifters. He retired from a life long career in printing as an estimator for Graphic Arts Center in 2001 and spent his retirement doing what he loved best: gathering with family and friends, golfing, playing Texas Hold-em, and cheering on the Portland Trail Blazers. Mr. Couture is survived by his wife, Karen Couture of Vancouver, his three children: Marty Couture of Newport, Joe Couture of Beaverton, and Lori (Joel) Askew of Scappoose, OR. He was predeceased by his brother Clayton Couture of Sequim, WA; and survived by his siblings: Darlene Selleck of Seattle, WA; Marvel Ellis of Canby, OR; Rosemary Lawton of Beaverton, OR; Roger Couture of Los Angeles, CA; and two step-daughters, Margaret and Rebecca Wendel. A service will be held at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 5th. followed by an open-house gathering at Mr. Couture's Fairway Village home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in his memory to the American Heart Association.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 08:06 PM

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“ Leroy fathered a son with Diane Stout of Beaverton Oregon who also died in 2011. That child was raised by Eugene Sams.

Dorothy Doudy - June 20, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ LeRoy was involved in a very special competition in the late 80's. The sons of LeRoy's former band members got together and formed a group. He was very honored to get to sing with them. This was a write up about the competition in the Oregonian newspaper. You can imagine our delight to see LeRoy's face in the article. Definitely doing what he loved to do.

Lori Couture - June 11, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ LeRoy's kids

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“ LeRoy's parents

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“ Lots of love from LeRoy's brothers and sisters, in laws, cousins, nephews and nieces..

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“ Miss you so much, even now.

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“ More family..

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“ On the 'stage' again... I just can't wait to get on the stage again! In remembrance of the days when he got to play music....and cards with Willie Nelson. Who still owes him \$200!!

Lori Couture - June 11, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ One of my most favorite things to do was to sing with my dad. This is taken from the set of the TV show "Hoedown" in Portland, Oregon. LeRoy is the 4th from the left.

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“ Some of the best times he had as a young man...but also some of the most challenging....

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“ Do you know any of these youngsters?

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“ How did LeRoy get so lucky to marry someone so beautiful as Karen! It was so incredible to see my dad happy. Those were really great times.

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“ It is with deepest sympathy we remember LeRoy Couture, an individual whose adventurous spirit was matched only by his gentle, loving nature. We admired his endlessly optimistic outlook and analytical mind along with his passionate wisdom that inspired all. His tender affection for his wife and spirited gusto for life were wholly evident; he ceaselessly strived to be the best version of himself possible. LeRoy will indeed be profoundly missed.

Lori Couture - June 11, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ Cousin Leroy and I spent quite a bit of time together as teenagers. As we grew up we went our own ways. But, whenever we saw each other we would talk and remember the good times we had as youngsters on the farm in Minnesota. I'm going to miss those opportunities to visit with Leory.

Arlan Evensen - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Extending our deep and heartfelt sympathy to Leroy's family during this very difficult time.

Connie Evensen-Skoglund (cousin) - March 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Great memories of 10 years of golf with trips to Reno and Bend, playing pool, darts, Super Bowls, holidays, Blazer games, Rose Festival, listening to Roy Orbison and much more! It's not the quantity of life but the quality of life that counts! Thank you Leroy

Gary Coburn - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ I wish to let the family know that LeRoy was a very special person. He will be greatly missed by many.

Sharon Armstrong - February 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thank you to the many friends and loved ones who prayed for Leroy, my dad, and supported our family with your love, words of comfort, friendship, prayers and encouragement. We mourn his passing, but we are also thankful for the precious time we had with him. Our lives were made richer because of Leroy Couture.

Lori Ann Couture-Askew - February 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM