



Nolen Clifford Coy

March 1, 1937 - July 26, 2015

Nolen Clifford Coy was born March 1, 1937 in Phoenix, Arizona and passed away on July 26, 2015 in Vancouver, Washington at the age of 78. Nolen spent his 6th grade to high school years in the small California town of Fallbrook. Nolen went on to Palomar College and earned his AA degree. He began his career in programming in 1961 with his first job at General Dynamics. Nolen worked for 38 years in several roles all relating to programming for military instrumentation and ships' radar. While working in San Diego he met Louisene Lee (Lucy), who he married in 1965. Nolen and Lucy were fortunate to have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary just two days before his passing. Nolen had a love of nature and photography, and enjoyed camping. Later in life, Nolen took up painting watercolors and produced beautiful artwork that the family treasures. Nolen and Lucy lived in San Diego for 40 years, where they raised their family before relocating to Vancouver, Washington, to be near their son and daughter and watch their grandson grow up. Nolen was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, respected by many for his gentle spirit, kindness, and devotion to family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother Jennie Coy and his father Clifford Coy. Among those who mourn his loss are his wife Lucy Coy; his son Devin Coy (and fiancé Corie Day); daughter Colleen (and husband Aaron) Stevenson; grandchild Tyler Coy; and sister Dola (and husband C.G.) Gaither. Memorial Services will be held on August 22, 2015, at 10:00 AM at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, WA. Please join us as we celebrate Nolen's

life. Donations or gifts can be made in his honor to National Multiple Sclerosis Society at <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate>. Flowers are also welcomed for the service. Please have them delivered to Evergreen Memorial Gardens at 1101 NE 112th Ave Vancouver, WA 98684 for arrival on August 21, 2015.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 08:01 PM



“ *Nolen was my best big cousin and a friend. He had a great sense of humor and was a kind and gentle spirit. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.*

Lelani Ermer - August 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *My involvement with Nolen dates back 50 years when we both worked for Univac in San Diego. The Navy bought Univac computers and were installing them aboard ships in an attempt to integrate all the electronic equipment into the first tactical package to control a warfare environment. The key to making the system work was the display interface which presented the tactical information to the operator. If that interface didn't work, the system wouldn't work. That part of the program was the Display program and Nolen was the Display programmer. The Display program worked very well and it is safe to say that Nolen was the key programmer in the successful deployment of the Navy Tactical Data System during the Vietnam war. Nolen was well respected by all his peers, although being quiet, whenever he spoke everyone listened. Although I can not consider him to be a "close" friend, he was a work friend and a social friend. Nolen was a solid individual with great integrity and I hope he now is resting in peace.*

Lew Ebner - August 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ God Bless you Nolen. Our sympathies to the family. We are so sorry for your loss. May God bless you all.. All our love Kenny and Sylvia

Kenny & Sylvia Lewis - August 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ Thank you Kevin, for letting me know about your Dad. When I spoke with him last he sounded quite frail. It was great growing up in Fallbrook with friends like Nolan, he'll always be in my memories and my prayers. Vernon

Vernon Tritchka - August 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ So sorry for your loss. I will miss our telephone conversations. The class of 1955 will miss him.

Annabelle Simpson - July 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ My deepest and most heartfelt condolences go out to Nolen's family. Nolen was a man like no other I have ever known or ever expect to meet again. His incredible goodness, kindness, sensitivity, generosity and clever sense of humor -- all the things that made him so loved in life -- will live on through the memories of the many people whose lives he touched. I know he will be greatly missed. Love, Lyn and Keith Henderson

Lyn Henderson - July 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM