



Peter Ripplinger

November 10, 1927 - September 17, 2009

Peter Ripplinger was born Nov. 10, 1927 in Trail City, SD to Joseph and Magdalena Ripplinger and grew up working on the family farm. He was delivered to our Lord on Sept. 17, 2009 in Vancouver, WA after a courageous battle with kidney cancer. His early adult years were spent serving his country (four years in the Air Force and four years in the Army...the last two years spent fighting in the Korean war). After an honorable discharge from the Army in 1954, he joined his family who had moved to the Yakima Valley, WA area while he was in the military. He went back to farming for several months before going to work for the railroad. In 1955 he married his wife of 33 years, Patricia Roy, and they raised eight wonderful children together. Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Vancouver, WA where Pete found a job with Kaiser Aluminum Culvert and he enjoyed a long career, first as a truck driver and then a welder. Pete was always a kind, thoughtful and generous man who never passed up an opportunity to help others. He was a friend to everyone. He was a hard worker and liked to keep busy..."didn't like to let the grass grow under his feet". Pete enjoyed woodworking, bowling, music, dancing, card games, gardening and attending all his children's and grand-children's sporting events over the years. He especially loved to dance and was active in several square dance groups in Portland with his dear and devoted friend, Nadine Robson. His Catholic faith was very important to him and he remained actively involved in the church until the end. Left behind to share his memories and love are his beloved "one and only" daughter, Cathy (Paul) Coiteux and

six wonderful sons: Steve (DeeAnn), Pete (Jen), Rick, Don (Leasa), Mike (Nicole), Greg (Leslie). He also leaves behind 20 grandchildren; one great-grandson; his dear friend, Nadine; five sisters, Julie, Mary, Rosie, Francis and Sister Helen who is a retired nun in North Dakota; and one brother, Joe, who still resides in Yakima; his ex-wife, Patricia; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Emil, in 2004; and his two brothers, Ed and LeRoy. The family would like to give a very special thanks to Aurora and Ian (John) Pal of the Loving Touch Adult Family Home. The incredible care, love and devotion they demonstrated made his final journey in life much less difficult. His family will be forever grateful to them for their wonderful care. A viewing will be held at Evergreen Memorial gardens on Wed., Sept. 23, 2009 from noon to 6:00 p.m. with a rosary service to follow at 6:00 p.m. A funeral Mass for this wonderful man, friend and father will be celebrated on Thurs., Sept. 24, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with a reception right after. The burial will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:53 PM

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“ We first met Pete while going to daily Mass at Holy Redeemer when it was still in the strip Mall. He always sat in the back row of chairs by the entrance, so each morning as we came in we'd give him a pat on the back and he gave us one of his heart-melting smiles. He was there for the same reason so many of us seniors were there for, to pray for his family that they would hold onto what he had passed on and lived would not be in vain. Gradually we were able to visit with him a bit after Mass, but not for too long because he was on his way to square dancing in Portland. We discovered that he lived right in our neighborhood. At the same time we were involved in a charity project where we were coordinating with his daughter, Cathy at PUD. We learned more about Pete from her and discovered that she too lived near us. Pete was a man of few words but he was a godly man who kept his promises and his faith no matter what. God surely must have said to him, "Welcome home; you've been a good and faithful servant". To know Pete was to love Pete.

Martin & Jeanne LaViollette - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Pete, I will miss you so very much. I loved your smile and laugh. I bet you are already dancing pain free in heaven. Give Jamie I big hug for me and tell him his mother loves him.

DeeAnn Ripplinger - September 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM