



Wayman Leon Mollett

March 30, 1940 - April 17, 2015

Wayman "Leon" Mollett was born March 30, 1940 in Cortez, CO to Fredrick and Flora Mollett. Leon had an older sister Marion. Leon lived in Colorado until he was 10 years old. He then spent the rest of his childhood in California. Leon attended Bell high school in Bell, CA and graduated in 1958 where he met what would become his lifetime buddies and a couple of those buddies also became his brother in laws. Leon met his wife Kathy while she was still in 10th grade in 1963. Leon enlisted into the Air Force 1959 and served as a mechanic and learned the skill of welding and electrical work. Leon was stationed in Lockbourne Air Force base in Ohio with the 87th Fighter Interceptor Squad ADC. Leon was sent to Japan for part of his time served. Leon received a "good conduct metal" September 2nd, 1961. Leon had a love and a passion for hotrods, all types and any kind, anything that he could put a wrench on. He and a group of buddies built a dragster in which they raced at The Lions Drag Strip in Long Beach, CA. You could often find him in the garage welding frames for cars, building cars and rebuilding engines. Leon married his wife Kathy on October 30, 1965 - they began their life in Montebello, CA and spent the first 13 years of their marriage in California. During this time Leon worked for the Department of Water and Power and this is where he found a love for antique furniture and refinishing antiques most of those antiques are still present in their home today. In 1968 Kathy gave birth to their first born, Dawn. In 1973 they brought their second child, their son Gregory into this world. They continued to live in California where Leon would

continue to work and build cars, refinish antiques and even hand build and forge Dawn's first 10 speed bike and Gregory's first scooter bike. On a trip to Washington in 1978 to visit Kathy's sister, they fell in love with the Pacific Northwest. They sold their home in California and moved up to Woodland, WA where they lived with Kathy's parents in Woodland, WA until they found a home in Vancouver, WA. Leon then secured a career in the welding industry, traveling and often keeping him on the road for three weeks at a time. Over the course of the next 30 years they developed a love for long rides on his motorcycle, riding dirt bikes, camping and boating watching and going to drag races continued to be a lifelong passion of Leon's. Leon loved to go to his boat with Kathy after a hard day of work, relax and have a beer. With Leon being a hot rod enthusiast, he built a 1932 high boy roadster from ground up which when sold ended up in a Hot Wheels magazine. Leon's next love was his 1929 Ford Pick up truck. He converted his truck into a true "hot rod" which remains the family heirloom to this day and is in son Greg's possession. Leon and his daughter Dawn purchased a 1969 Volkswagen bug and converted it into a roadster style the bug remains in Dawn's possession today. Survivors of Leon include his loving wife Kathy, two of his own children, Dawn and Greg who gave him five grandchildren. He was also blessed with seven step grandchildren and eight step great grandchildren. Leon has many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, a sister in law, and a brother in law. His life was blessed by many who loved and adored him. Services are being held at Evergreen Memorial on May 1st, 2015 at 3:30pm.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:56 PM

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“ No words can communicate the love, the wonderful memories, the life lessons and education that you gave Dawn and I. Sometimes you were difficult on us, but you prepared us both for the world. I think of you everyday, and regularly ask myself, how would Dad go about solving or fixing this. Thank you for being a Wonderful Dad. Loving You Always.

Gregory Leon Mollett - April 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Great memorial, to a great guy!! I will miss my Uncle Leon very much..

Tricia Martin - April 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Celebrating your freedom. You are now pain free and no longer trapped inside of yourself. You are the best father a girl could ask for and you are a wonderful papa! I will miss you! give pa'star some love! You are always on my mind..

Dawn Callahan - April 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM