



Wendell Jo DeHart

May 9, 1940 - May 24, 2017

Wendell Joe DeHart was born May 9, 1940 at home in Needmore Township, Swain County, North Carolina to Martha (nee Breedlove) and Verlin E. DeHart. He grew up in Parkdale, Ore., eventually moving to Vancouver, Wash. When he met Violet Christine DeHart, he began a courtship with the love of his life. They were married on May 21, 1971, and enjoyed sharing the ups and downs of life over 29 years, until Christine passed in February 2000. Wendell retired from driving a Greyhound bus on a route up and down I-5 on the West Coast. Even after retirement, he continued to stay in touch with his fellow bus drivers, many of whom were lifelong friends. He also served in the military for five years, honorably discharged from the Army National Guard of Oregon Combat Engineering battalion with the rank of Sgt. E-5. Wendell died on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 from complications of COPD. He was surrounded by his loved ones who will dearly miss him. He is survived by brother Stanley (Charlotte) of Hood River, Ore.; sister Cleo Weseman (Jim) of Hood River, Ore.; sisters-in-law Mitzi DeHart (Vernon) of Olympia, Wash., and LaFern DeHart (Buster) of Emunclaw, Wash.; stepsons Dennis Weems and Terry Weems (Deb); and stepdaughter JoEllen Richardson (Kenny); granddaughters Laura Jo Richardson, Christy Richardson and Karen Weems; grandsons Randy Richardson, Shawn Weems and Wayne Weems Jr.; and great grandchildren, Allycin and Savanna Richardson. Wendell leaves behind numerous beloved great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and close friends. He was pre-deceased by his parents, wife Christine, siblings Robert DeHart, Roy DeHart,

Troy DeHart, Bruce DeHart, Rozell Winston, Vernon DeHart, Maxine Goodenough, Leah Roark and Buster DeHart; stepson Wayne Weems; grandson Ken-Ken Richardson; and granddaughter Jeannie Weems.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 08:38 PM



“ Love & miss you Uncle Wendell. Keeping all the family in my thoughts & prayers. I wish we could be there for the service but so grateful for our visit last year and phone conversation on Wendell's Birthday on May 9.

JoAnn DeHart Hunter - May 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Wendell was an awesome uncle and person. He will be dearly missed. Love you Uncle Wendell. Rest in Peace. From one of your numerous nieces.

Luree (DeHart) Reagan - May 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM