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On August 24, 2014, “Mr. 202”, 69, quietly turned his big rig onto the Highway to Heaven and waved goodbye after suffering a severe stroke on August 3, 2014. There to see him make the turn was his loving and devoted wife, best friend, and soul mate Sherrie, his co-driver Reyna Puppy, and close friends Mark and Lisa Carlson. Larry was born in Tampa, FL on July 3, 1945 to Edna Hart-Wilson and Alfred McCall and adopted at the age of 18 months by the only dad he ever knew, Ray Larsen. His younger years were spent between Florida and St. Paul, MN. Larry used to joke that it was his time growing up in Florida that gave him a love of pink flamingoes. So much so that there are currently about 50 or so flamingoes residing on the front lawn of his and Sherrie’s home. In 1958, when in 8th grade, Larry followed his dad out to Tacoma, WA and graduated in 1963 from Stadium High School. Over the years and a couple of marriages later Larry would eventually find the love of his life, Sherrie, in 1996 when she came to work as a driver at MacMillan-Piper Co., Inc. (MMP) in Tacoma. Together for 17 years, Mr. 202 and Mrs. 909 were inseparable and they quickly became regular fixtures, along with 202’s co-driver, Reyna Puppy, on the Tacoma waterfront and where one was the other wasn’t far behind. Larry was a very kind, generous man and always willing to help any new driver that came along at MMP as well as those people he had known and worked with forever. He loved to wind bag which earned him the title “King of the Wind Baggers” and he taught quite a few drivers that fine art. As friends have said, wind baggin’, snibblin’ and getting the gravy ladle just won’t be the same with Mr. 202 gone. In a truck driving career that spanned 40+ years Larry worked as a driver for companies such as Tacoma Screw Products-Seattle, UPS, Creager Trucking-Seattle, Gunter

Brothers, and Rucker Brothers Trucking-Tacoma. In 1978 he became an O/O buying his first truck and reefer while driving at Inco Express. 1984 began Larry's time on the waterfront hauling shipping containers when he signed on with Falcon Express which would eventually become FarWest Trucking. In 1989 he moved his truck to MacMillan-Piper Co., Inc. where he has had a spot ever since. In his off time Larry enjoyed attending cutting horse shows with Sherrie and was her biggest fan and supporter. He also loved spending time with his grand children, gardening (especially dahlias and tomatoes), taking naps, going on road trips, fishing and hunting with his friend John Philbrick, was a TV junkie, and wind bagging his many friends, especially Greg Wolfe, Scott Diener, and John Lane.

Larry was preceded in passing by his mom, Edna Hart-Wilson and dad, Ray Larsen. Surviving Larry are his wife, Sherrie; co-driver Reyna Puppy; step-son Eugene P. Henkel, III (Shannon); step-daughters Shar Jasper (Brad) and Chrissy Falk; brothers-in-law Tim Phipps (Rhonda) and Troy Phipps (Eli). Sister-in-law Wendy Mills (Ethan); mother-in-law and father-in-law Judy and Buster Smith; mother-in-law Tina Phipps; several grandchildren; special family Phil and Shelly Bindon and the 3 Banshees; cousin Fred Swanson, along with many more nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, family, and two daughters, Cherie and Lynette.

A special thank you to the TG Neuroscience ICU and Stroke Unit Team 1, Dr. Andrew Loomis, and the staff at Orchard Park Health and Rehab. Your caring and thoughtfulness made Larry's last days a little easier to bear. Words cannot express the profound sense of loss that Larry's passing has left in our world. There will never be another "202".

Please join us for a celebration of Larry's life on Saturday, Sept. 13th, 12:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Celebration of Life Center - Aspen Chapel, 4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood, WA 98499.

Comments



“ Sherrie - So sorry to hear about Larry. Our prayers are with you.
Larry Olsen and Family

Larry Olsen - September 12, 2014 at 11:11 PM



“ Thank you Larry. It was nice to see you at Larry's Celebration of Life on Saturday and I am glad that he got to see you at the family Christmas party.

sherrie larsen - September 14, 2014 at 10:46 PM



“ I went to Stadium High School and graduated with Larry. Larry and I were on the wrestling team together and spent alot of time together during our school years. We both went our separate ways but I will always remember the good times we shared. My wife Kathy and I want to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Sincerely, Jerry & Kathy Fisher

Jerry Fisher - September 12, 2014 at 04:59 PM



“ Dear Jerry,
It was so nice to meet some of Larry's high school friends and hear about that part of his life. Thank you very much for attending his Celebration of Life on Saturday.

sherrie larsen - September 14, 2014 at 10:48 PM



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Sherrie Larsen - September 11, 2014 at 01:49 PM



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allan - September 02, 2014 at 04:27 PM



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Sherrie Larsen - August 31, 2014 at 11:50 PM



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Sherrie Larsen - August 31, 2014 at 11:43 PM



“ I want to thank you Sherrie. I wish this lifetime could have been different between my dad, my sis, my daughters and you. I am very happy dad was blessed enough to finally find his soul mate. He truly does look happy in the pictures you've shared. I am sorry that I wasn't able to comprehend, please forgive me. I am also thrilled to see he was able to visit his mom. I have every postcard dad sent me from his travels when I was a kid and every letter from Grandma Edna. Love to you and dad

Cherie - September 09, 2014 at 11:24 PM



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Sherrie Larsen - August 31, 2014 at 11:32 PM



“ Dear Sherrie and Family,
You are in my thoughts and prayers as you mourn the loss of such a wonderful man!!
I am so very thankful that I saw you both as recently as July 4th.
I have shared a couple of pictures from the Olsen-Larsen Family Christmas Party.
One of them is from the late 1960's and the other from this past December.
~Love, Susan Olsen Padgett (one of Larry's many cousins)

Susan Olsen Padgett - August 31, 2014 at 05:28 PM



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Susan Olsen Padgett - August 31, 2014 at 05:15 PM



“ Dear Susan,

Thank you for the pictures. Love the Santa one!

Sherrie

Sherrie Larsen - August 31, 2014 at 11:20 PM



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Susan Olsen Padgett - August 31, 2014 at 05:04 PM



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Sherrie Larsen - August 30, 2014 at 01:10 AM