



Melvin W. Clair

July 20, 1932 - June 18, 2021

Melvin Clair, 88, of Albany, the best husband, father, and grandfather ever, passed away on Friday, June 18, 2021, surrounded by his loving family.

Melvin was born in Stratton, Colorado, to Gladys (Beattie) Clair and Walter W. Clair. They moved to Philomath, when Melvin was a boy. After graduating from Philomath High School and Oregon Agricultural College (OSU,) he enlisted in the Army. After leaving the military, he went to work in the timber industry, working for F&S Logging, Northside Lumber Co., and Midway Forest Products. After retirement, Melvin worked at Peter Jensen Dairy and National Frozen Foods.

Melvin was a kind, hard-working man. He loved his grandchildren as much as his own children. He was known as grandpa by many and will be missed by all.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Sharon (whom he married in 1958;) and his parents, Walter and Gladys. Survivors include his children, Ricki Clair, Robin Clair, and Robert Clair, all of Albany, four granddaughters and five great-grandchildren, siblings, Annabelle Jackson, Bonita Brown, and Robert (Bob) Clair.

A memorial gathering will be at 2:00pm Tuesday, July 10th at Albany Timberlinn Park. McHenry Funeral Home is handling arrangements. Please visit <http://www.mchenryfuneralhome.com> to leave condolence messages for the family.

Events

JUL Memorial Gathering02:00PM

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Albany Timberlinn Park

Comments



“ In the 1940's and the 50's we were neighbors. Being very helpful Melvin would walk my sister Lucy home after her cheer leading practice. Melvin would be having sports practice. This helped our dad from trips into town and back. He often helped my Mother put out her cream cans for the dairy pick-up. When my husband was killed in 1950 and I was a widow at 19 years, Melvin and his family were around helping when they could. Then in 1954 when my sister Lucy was in bed with a threatened pregnancy Melvin would stop in at my parents home, where Lucy was on bed rest and play card games with her. What a great neighbor and friend! So very hard working and kind. You have a super nice father and grandfather to remember! I wanted you to know these early memories of Melvin. This is being written by Joyce Shroyer Hall and my sister is Lucy Shroyer Leach. Both Lucy and John were in Melvin' high-school class and they both told me how Melvin excelled in both sports and school report card grades! We are sending love and our condolences to all of Melvin's family and friends.

Joyce Hall - July 20 at 05:47 PM



“ Dear Ricki and Clair Family,
I am so sorry to hear about your dad's death. I know he meant so much to all of you and that you will miss him tremendously. We are never ready when that loss occurs, even when we expect it. I'm glad that you all have each other to help bear the grief. I participated in a Hospice grief group after Bob's death and really found it helpful. Know that I am thinking of you ...Love, Judy Talbott

Judy Talbott - June 25 at 06:38 PM