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Charlie “Chuck” Verdell Hixon died Thursday.

He was born in Stroud, Okla., to Otis A. and Sarah Edith Hixon.

Survivors include his longtime loving partner, Lou Lawhon; his daughter, Brenda L. Meyer, and son-in-law, Robert O. Meyer; his grandson, Justin Tyler Hazelton; his daughter, Charlotte A. Swetland; his brother, Donald D. Hixon, and sister-in-law, Bobbie Hixon; his sister, Marjorie Aderholt, and brother-in-law, Ray Aderholt; nephews, Tony Hixon and Stan Stice; nieces, Christine Hixon, Karen Stice and Judy Stice; great-niece, Jessica Stice; and great-nephew, Danny Hixon.

He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Joe B. Hixon.

At 12 years of age, Chuck moved from Oklahoma to California with his family. “Hot Stuff Hix,” as his dad called him, served in the U.S. Army for two years in the late 1950s. As a teenager, he pursued his love of riding horses, and then began racing cars and motorcycles.

He began a career in the auto body business in his twenties. Upon moving to Oregon, he founded his own body shop, and continued in the body work business for the remainder of his years.

He will be well remembered for his love of mules. Lulubelle was his first mule. He rode her every year in the Philomath Frolic and Rodeo Parade. He and Lulubelle would finish their ride with a trip through the Meetin’ Place Tavern. Chuck was a longtime friend to many, and will never be forgotten by any.

A celebration of life potluck will take place starting at 4 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Wing Sing in Philomath. Please bring a dish and a memory to share.