



Tommy Joseph Swisher

February 9, 1935 - November 29, 2015

Tommy Joseph Swisher, 80, of Monroe, formerly of Jordan Valley and Burns, passed away Sunday, November 29, 2015 at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House in Albany.

He was born February 9, 1935 in Nampa, Idaho to Joseph and Ruth (Peer) Swisher.

Tommy graduated from Jordan Valley High School in 1953. In November of 1953, he joined the U.S. Army. On the way to Ford Ord, California where he was to be stationed, Tommy married Amalia "Molly" Arritola at the Catholic Church in Winnemucca, Nevada on September 16, 1954.

After his honorable discharge, he returned to Jordan Valley. He went to work for the State Highway Department, Tommy and Molly lived at the Basque Maintenance Camp for eight and a half years before being transferred to Burns. Tommy retired in 1991 and soon thereafter moved to Monroe where he has lived since.

He was a true cowboy.

Tommy is survived by his wife Molly of Monroe; daughter Angie Maplethorpe and her husband Dave of Hillsboro; son Brian Swisher and his wife Luann of Millersburg; granddaughter Kimberly Maplethorpe and her husband Broc Foster of Jacksonville, Florida; great-grandchildren Vivian and Theodore Foster; and brother-in-law Pasco Arritola and his wife Judie of La Grande.

Services will be announced at a later date.

Contributions in Tommy's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society sent in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Tribute Wall

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“ To Molly, Angie & Brian,

It's been years but your husband & dad made a huge impact on my life. I never got a chance to see him after you moved to the valley. Tommy & I worked together for a summer in 1970 when I was going to school. He & I took one or both of the kids fishing at Chickahomny. In 1980 when Hines shut down Tommy hired me plowing snow that winter on the Burns Section. He found out about an ODOT electricians job in Pendleton. I was an electrician for Hines I retired here in Pendleton 5 years ago as an ODOT electrician. I always wished I had got more time to tell Tommy how much his help in getting me that electrician job was one of the best things to ever happen to myself and my family. We did talk but he had no idea now after I reflect back. Now I must say it to you, his loved ones; Tommy was one of a kind and one of the best friends a guy will ever find. We will all miss him dearly. Please know our hearts and prayers are with you at this time.

*God's Peace,
Mark & Gale Gronso*

Mark Gronso - December 11, 2015 at 09:29 PM

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“ *Tommy was a true cowboy, and we spent a lot of time talking about horses, he was always upbeat, and gave the greatest hugs! Molly I will miss Tommy everyday, and I am so thankful that you two are in my life, Sharon Flory*

Sharon Flory - December 02, 2015 at 04:27 PM