



Carl E. Parkins

April 13, 1950 - September 23, 2023

Carl Eugene Parkins, 73, of Wenatchee, Washington passed away peacefully, with loved ones by his side, on September 23, 2023.

Carl was born on April 13, 1950, to Frank and Bertha "Bea" Parkins in Leavenworth, Washington and grew up in Monitor, Washington.

As a youngster, Carl enjoyed go-kart racing. He was extremely talented, often competing against adults, and won several trophies from races across the state of Washington, including Wenatchee Go-kart Speedway Champ of 1960.

He attended Monitor School for eight years and graduated from Cashmere High School, in Cashmere, Washington in 1968.

Carl served in the U.S. Navy 1968-71 and was stationed in San Diego and Vietnam. Afterward, he briefly lived in California before returning to the Wenatchee Valley where he joined his father in the family business, Equipment Manufacturing Inc. They were later joined by his brother, Don. After their father's passing, Carl and Don continued to work side by side until the two retired in 2018.

Carl enjoyed being active in the community. In his younger days, he played rec league softball, a hobby he had in common with his brothers and a few

cousins, who were his teammates.

He was a member of Parents Without Partners and traveled many summers with his children to international conventions, providing wonderful vacation memories.

Carl was involved in the local American Legion Post #10 for years, holding several leadership positions.

He was also an active member of Riverview Kiwanis, where he served as president and participated in several annual service projects.

Carl enjoyed water aerobics at the YMCA and Eastmont pools for many years and was even part of a Water Lilies /Tiger Lily fundraiser calendar. He enthusiastically shared his passion for swimming with his grandchildren.

In 2009, Carl met Dorothy Ferguson and his entire world turned upside down. The two knew from the beginning they were kindred spirits and were destined to be together. In 2010, they celebrated their love with friends in a surprise ceremony and were together every day since.

Carl loved spending time with family and friends. He enjoyed traveling, good meals, and laughing. He was also a roller coaster enthusiast, music lover, and had a witty sense of humor.

He is survived by the love of his life, Dorothy Ferguson; daughter, Renee Parkins (Troy Olson) of Wenatchee; son, Brian Parkins (Sebrina) of East Wenatchee and numerous other loved ones including siblings, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, and brother, Don.

A Celebration of Life will be held November 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., beginning in Memorial Park, Wenatchee and immediately continuing at the BPOE Ballroom, 27 S. Chelan St., Wenatchee.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

NOV 12. 1:00 PM (PT)

Memorial Park
2 S Chelan Ave
Wenatchee, WA 98801