



Marion E. "Corky" Elliott

September 3, 1942 - February 16, 2015

Marion Eugene "Corky" Elliott, 72, entered into rest peacefully February 16, 2015, at his home in Wenatchee, WA. Corky was born September 3, 1942, in Torrance, CA to Gene and Bonnie (Burge) Elliott. They moved to Wenatchee in 1947, where he began elementary school at Lewis and Clark, before moving to Sunnyslope, where he attended grade school and junior high. He made many close Sunnyslope friends that he kept in contact with up until his passing. He always remembered fondly riding his bicycle from his home in Sunnyslope to work at his dad's station, 9th Street Service, at age 14, which sparked his lifelong interest in cars. He graduated from Wenatchee High School in 1960, and joined the Navy in October of that year. In the Navy, Cork was a radioman and was honorably discharged in October 1964.

Cork and his wife of 49 years, Carleen Scroggie, were married November 26, 1965. He was baptized and became a member of the Sunnyslope Brethren Church in 1966. Cork and Carleen opened their own service station, "Corky's Cut Rate" on the corner of Orondo and Washington Streets in the fall of 1966. While running the service station, he began taking a class a quarter at Wenatchee Valley College. In March 1970, he sold the service station and began WVC full time. He then went on to graduate from Central Washington University and got his MSW at Portland State University in May of 1975. During this time, son, Mike, was born in Wenatchee (1970); Steve in Ellensburg (1973); and daughter, Sydni, in Portland (1975). He and his family

moved to Boise, ID in August 1975, where he worked as a school social worker for the Boise School District for 13 years. Daughter, Bethany, was born in 1982 in Boise. Corky became a member of Hyde Park Mennonite Church in Boise in 1979, and his membership remains there at this time. Having missed his service station days, he returned to Wenatchee in fall of 1989 to open a Big O Tire Store. After three years, Cork went back into social work for the Entiat School District as counselor, where he retired in 2008.

Cork thoroughly enjoyed retirement, spending time in his shop working on his cars, going to coffee every morning with friends and cruising the Ave. Cork and Carleen enjoyed several road trips, including Texas, California, Washington/Oregon Coast, Yellowstone, Kansas, British Columbia, and many roads less traveled. Vacation to Chicago by Amtrak was a highlight. His favorite hobby and passion was old cars, particularly Fords. Cork has been a longtime member of Wenatchee Valley Cruisers Car Club. He loved having two, three or even more cars to work on at any given time, with each always being a work in progress. He was frequently seen cruising the Ave., driving his green 1935 Ford Sedan. Another passion was landscaping, for which he had an excellent eye for landscape design and a knack for finding the perfect placement of beautiful rocks and trees. Cork loved all “oldies” music, with Roy Orbison being his all time favorite. He looked forward to hosting the W.H.S. Gathering of Friends each summer for the last seven years, and organizing a couple Sunnyslope School reunions. Above all of these, family was most important to him, never missing an opportunity to tell them he loved them or was proud of them.

After his ALS diagnosis in Spring of 2013, his strong faith helped Cork keep a positive attitude and allowed him to continue to enjoy daily activities to the best of his ability. He never complained about his illness and made caring for him very easy. His weekday morning time with the Starbuck “coffee guys” was what he looked forward to each day. He rarely missed Friday nights at Hot

Rod Cafe with the “car guys”.

Cork was preceded in death by his parents, Gene and Bonnie Elliott; grandparents, Marion and Nova Burge; infant son, Adam Tyler; father-in-law, Carl Scroggie; and brother-in-law, Dan Scroggie. Surviving are his wife, Carleen; sons, Mike of Wenatchee, and Steve of Austin, TX; daughters, Sydni Elliott (James) Swanda of Boise, ID, and Bethany (Jeremiah) Green of Wenatchee; four grandchildren, Chase Elliott, Bonnie and Jedediah Green and newborn, Kellyn Swanda; sister and brother-in-law, Katie and Rick Wenning; mother-in-law, Gertrude Scroggie; brothers-in-law, Bill Scroggie and Jan Luebber; sisters-in-law, Fern Luebber and Diane King; and many nieces, nephews and cousins, who all loved him very much. Cork will be greatly missed by the many people who knew him and whose lives he touched.

Memorial Service will be held on Friday, February 27, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at Eastmont Baptist Church, S.E. 4th and Kentucky in East Wenatchee. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758512, Topeka, KS 66675-8512; or Virginia Mason Foundation ALS Clinic, P.O. Box 1930, Mail Stop D1-MF, Seattle, WA 98111. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements by Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home, Wenatchee.

Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marion E. "Corky" Elliott



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - February 25, 2015 at 04:36 PM

DC

“ Carleen and family.... It saddens me to see my friend Corky has passed away. I rejoice that he is with the Lord because that is such a blessing. We had a lot of fun together at Boise High and many fond memories. Ann and I enjoyed the times we were at your home. We will keep you in our prayers. Take care. Much love.... Dale and Ann Chase

dale chase - March 11, 2015 at 03:56 PM

JM

“ Corky was one of my favorite colleagues at Boise High. He always had a kind word and happy smile for everyone. I will miss him. Jody Mabe

Jody Mabe - March 10, 2015 at 02:26 PM

RM

“ Our children have fond memories of Corky. Chris is astonished that he finally got the 35 Ford running! Angela remembers babysitting the boys, Steve and Mike and little Sydni. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Ralph Milstead and family

Ralph & Alyce Milstead - March 10, 2015 at 10:05 AM

JH

“ Corky was a kind and helpful neighbor to my mother, Sally Stewart. His cheerful disposition always brightened her day. He will be missed. Joan Hicks

Joan Hicks - March 05, 2015 at 02:46 PM

TF

“ Tom And Janet Foley lit a candle in memory of Marion E. "Corky" Elliott



Tom and Janet Foley - March 01, 2015 at 10:22 AM

PW

“ God bless you one and all. You have been blessed with Corky's presence all these years and now look forward to heaven with him. The funeral was a blessing and he surely was smiling, as in his picture here! Although we only met him a few times as we were walking in our neighborhood, he greeted us as one who personified grace and kindness; obviously he had patiently accepted his soon-coming promotion and was not complaining...just walking around outside, enjoying the day as usual. We walked away from the funeral yesterday discussing the fact that the best Christian testimony of all is a life lived well, joyfulness, and being a true friend to everyone, then accepting death to the earthly things and looking forward to stepping into an even more wonderful reality. (Doesn't that sound like Jesus?!!) What freedom. What an example! Our condolences to all family and friends who will miss him until reunited.

Parry & Linnea Walden

Parry and Linnea Walden - February 28, 2015 at 10:24 AM

SM

“ Carlene, my husband and I send to you and the family our heart felt condolences. Corky was an angel among us. He was always so kind and friendly, so sincere and caring. His smile was infectious and he radiated a love for you and the family. Thank you for taking the time to talk to me in hopes we could exchange tips to help on my end with my son Jeffrey who lost his battle with ALS the 12th of December. They are both in Heaven and exchanging Wenatchee stories with each other. No more pain, no more entrapment by this terrible disease. God bless you and may you be strengthened by his love.

Sheila (Files) Miller and my hubby, Jerry sends his love you also.

Sheila Miller - February 27, 2015 at 03:54 PM

MM

“ *Marilyn Musson lit a candle in memory of Marion E. "Corky" Elliott*



Marilyn Musson - February 27, 2015 at 12:26 PM

DJ

“ *I have never had a counselor listen to me and make me realize it was not my fault as you did. You will be greatly missed and never forgotten.*

Danae johnson - February 26, 2015 at 04:12 PM


RS

“ *Corky and I played on the same baseball team early on in our childhood. Al Hampton was our coach and Corky and I talked many times of those days and of Al. I enjoyed the many summer parties that Corky and Carleen put on. I will miss Corky very much and our visits. Carleen and the family are in our prayers.*

Rest in Peace my friend,

Richard (Dick) Smith

Richard (Dick) Smith - February 25, 2015 at 05:58 PM

 Sarah
Conway

“ Hi, I didn't know Corky well, but I've grown up with Beth in Wenatchee since we were kids, and spoke to him when I attended Beth's wedding. He was a nice man. I just wanted to say I'm sorry for your loss, and I am thinking of Beth and her family during this time. I love you guys. Sending positive vibes from Seattle. With Love, Sarah Kirby Conway.

Sarah Conway - February 25, 2015 at 01:52 PM

 Casie
Fletcher

“ Rest peacefully, Corky. No matter how much trouble we were, or got into as kids, you were always still so nice to me. I wish we could be there to say goodbye and hug your family in person. My husband really enjoyed talking to you about your years in Navy, and says "Rest easy, shipmate, we have the watch". We love you all, Elliotts.

Love,

Brian and Casie Hicks

Casie Fletcher - February 25, 2015 at 11:38 AM