



George Edward Covert

September 2, 1939 - October 31, 2018

George Edward Covert, 79, passed away peacefully on Wednesday October 31, 2018. George was born in Nampa, Idaho on September 2, 1939. He graduated from Nampa High School in 1957. Joining the National Guard while still in high school, he served on active duty during the Berlin Crisis (1961-1962). He graduated from Boise Junior College in 1963 and from Idaho State University in 1966.

George married Marlene Speilman in 1962. He married Delene Curtis Lowther in 1976. George taught science and woodshop at Hawthorne Junior High and Highland High School for 30 years. He initiated the Residential Carpentry class for the Pocatello School District, in which his students built a house each year.

George formed his own building business, Covert Construction. Working with his family during summers and after school for over 30 years, he completed forty houses and other projects in the southeastern regions of Idaho. Retirement did not prove the end of George's woodworking skills. He put them to use, creating quality, professional furniture as well as smaller objects of art.

His passion for life embraced hard work, dedication, family, and love of the outdoors. A superb fly fisherman, George enjoyed fishing regional streams as well as Montana rivers. He hunted waterfowl from which he made jerky and salami. He trained several Labrador Retrievers in the exhilaration of the hunt and enjoyed them as pets.

While backpacking and camping with his family, he taught the children fishing skills and a love of the outdoors. He skied with his family at resorts in the inter-mountain west. George golfed with a group he admired. Retirement also brought time for reading and travel to a dozen different countries.

George was admired and deeply loved by his wife Delene Curtis Covert of Pocatello; brother, John (Elaine) Covert of Denver; sister, Carol (Orville) Hartman of Parma; son, David Covert of Idaho Falls; son, Darrell (Janine) Covert of Pocatello; daughter, Nicolle (Tony) Wilson of Orofino; grandchildren, Justin, Ashley, Steven, Samantha, Zen, Amanda,

Michael, Jason, Mackenzie, Aubrey, and Dustin as well as 17 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Fern Covert and son, York Lowther.

He left a legacy of laughter and love. A part of him will remain with us forever.

There will be a memorial tribute at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2018 with lunch to follow at the Clarion Inn, 1399 Bench Road in Pocatello, Idaho. Please join us to share your favorite memory of George. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Portneuf Cancer Center or Signature Hospice. Condolences may be sent to the family online at wilksfuneralhome.com.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family under the "tribute wall" tab above.

Cemetery

Norton Cemetery

W. 16th Street

McCammon, ID,

Comments



“ My condolences to Delene and the family at George’s passing. I loved seeing his ready smile and willingness to talk to me at Highland High School. His droll sense of humor was wonderful and his love of teaching and service to Highland and School District #25 is sorely missed.

Jay Ronk - November 15, 2018 at 05:36 PM



“ George was the best cousin a guy could ask for. I have so many great memories of us growing up together. We continued our friendship as adults and enjoyed taking trips together. I loved George’s curiosity and sense of adventure and am grateful for the vast catalog of memories I have of him going back a very long time. Carolee and I will miss him and will smile every time we think of all the experiences and laughs we shared.

Love,

Jeff and Carolee Tollefson

Jeff Tollefson - November 09, 2018 at 11:47 AM



“ One of my many memories of George was that of a gorgeous mahogany boat that he toiled on for a long time. I believe we took the boat to the Madison River for it's maiden voyage. George was fishing and I was to steer him gently towards the holes. My only direction from George was, "You better not wreck my boat.". Not ten minutes into the voyage, and nowhere near any holes he wanted to fish, we came to a hard, screeching halt. George nearly flew out the front, and I was petrified. He turned around, and laughed like only he could. What an amazing father figure. I will miss him forever, but remember him with love. Our prayers our with the Covert family!
Frank and Connie Welch

Frank Welch - November 08, 2018 at 07:36 PM



“ George was a very good high school friend. We shared school, church, hunting near their place and Warm Lake. He was a true life long friend and visited us about 3 years ago.
One fond memory was when George and I were in his dad's shop and his father [Arnold] was complaining about a tool being left out to rust or something. George denied any knowledge of the culprit and his dad said "Well I can spit on him from here"!

I also thought it [I am a retired orthopedic surgeon] so ironic that George showed up at one of the reunions with his fingers bandaged up from a saw accident - and he was the shop teacher showing the kids how to do it right!

We will miss his wry humor. May God bless his entire family. E. Fred Deal MD

E. Fred Deal MD - November 05, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ Delene, I was so sorry to read of your husband's passing. May you find peace and comfort in your memories of him and in the companionship of family and friends.

Margaret Jacob

Margaret Jacob - November 05, 2018 at 03:29 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of George Edward Covert.



November 03, 2018 at 11:06 PM