

Gary Tipton

Aug. 10, 1944 ~ May 11, 2012



Gary Tipton, age 67, of La Center, WA, passed away with his beloved family by his side on Friday, May 11, 2012.

Gary was born in Fairland, OK to Ferdinand and Vitra Maxine Tipton. He had three sisters and four brothers. In 1968 he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Cheryl Jones. They were married for 49 years. Together they raised three children, son Mike and daughters Stephanie and Trudy. They lived in California, Arizona, Germany, and most recently Washington. He treated his son-in-laws, Rod and Eric, and daughter-in-law, Laura, as if they were his own children. He had five grandchildren which were his pride

and joy; Cody, Casey, Ciara, Caleb and Ty.

Gary had many talents and gifts, but none greater than making the people around him feel loved and special. He was a devoted and loving husband, an amazing dad and a wonderful grandpa. Gary focused all his time and energy on his family which was his most prized possession. He was the best teacher to his kids.

Gary had a natural and self-taught ability to repair or fix anything at all. At a young age, he was tearing apart clocks and any type of motor or electronic device just to see how it worked. This led to his passion for repairing and restoring cars, especially classic cars and Chevy Camaros. He was a mechanic by trade, and most recently the lead mechanic for the Doney Park Fire Department in Flagstaff, AZ. There was hardly a car event or swap meet that he did not attend or participate in and he had a large circle of friends, including his son, Mike, who shared his hobby with him.

He left an impression on every life he touched, most people saying, "He is such a nice guy." Gary's main priority was his family and he had stated numerous times that he has had no regrets in his life and he has lived a full life just the way he wanted. He will forever be missed by those that knew and loved him.

Gary's memorial service will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 11 a.m. at Layne's Funeral Home in Battle Ground, WA. Internment will be at the La Center Cemetery following the service.