



McKinley Smith Wells

April 24, 1936 - March 7, 2019

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4/24/1936 - 3/07/2019

McKinley (Mac) Wells, 82, was born in Yuba City, California on April 24, 1936 to Mary and Oscar Wells. His father was killed in an auto accident in 1941. His mother, wanting a good Christian education for her sons, moved Mac and his brother, Chester, to Nampa, Idaho in 1945. He graduated from College High School where he lettered in track, baseball, football and basketball.

He loved and lived sports especially basketball and baseball and was an avid TV watcher of sports including Nascar Racing. He was very disappointed when the race track at West Richland closed down.

He worked during the summers of his junior and senior years in the canneries in Pomeroy and Walla Walla, WA. In 1953, he moved to Pasco and started working at the S and J Lincoln/Mercury dealership, and spent the rest of his career working in the auto industry, including Napa of the Tri-Cities, Central Ford in Pasco, Vic Duffin Ford/Mercury of Sunnyside, Jerry Horrobin Ford, and Russ Dean Ford, where he retired after nearly 40 years as Parts Manager. While employed, he was manager of the Parts and Service Managers Club for several years. He earned several awards for Parts Management and trips to foreign countries.

While in Sunnyside, he married Patricia Ransier of Pasco in June 1957. In December he was laid off and they packed up everything they owned and loaded it in their 1955 Chevy and moved to California to search for a job. He searched without results. Spring 1958 came and he received a call to return to his old job in Sunnyside.

In 1960 he accepted a job in Pasco at Horrobin Ford and moved his family to Kennewick. In 1961 he became Parts Department Manager, a job he kept until his retirement in November 1999.

After retirement, Mac was happy to spend more time with his 1952 Henry J Vagabond (Blue J) driving it as far East as New York, South to Texas, North to Canada and many states in between as a member of the Kaiser/Frazer Owners International Club. He was manager of the KFOCI/Pacific Northwest club for four years and had the responsibility of a

National Convention. He was also an active attendee of Street Rod car shows.

Mac passed away peacefully at home with his loving wife and caregiver, Patricia by his side.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Augusta Smith Wells, father Oscar Virgil Wells; grandparents, Willis E. Smith and Harriet McGee Smith.

He is survived by his wife Patricia, brother Chester Virgil Wells of Nampa Idaho: Children, Bob (Traci) Wells, Lori (Ken) Schmidt and Renee (Scott) Claver; six grandchildren: Kenny and Kathy Schmidt, Megan and Drew Wells, Nicole and Tyler Claver: Four great-grand children, Chloe, Ainsley, Dominic Schmidt and Cierra Schmidt.

Graveside services will be at Desert Lawn Memorial Park on March 18 at 1:00 P.M.

Chaplain Craig Timonds will be officiating. Light refreshments will be at the family home.

Our family wishes to express our deep appreciation to Tender Care Village for their support and giving us the blessing of Mac staying at home to the end and to Chaplaincy's Hospice for the wonderful care they gave him. In lieu of flowers we suggest donating to one or both of these wonderful organizations.

Cemetery

Desert Lawn Memorial Park

1401 South Union Street
Kennewick, WA, 99338

Events

MAR 18 **Graveside Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ Very sorry to read about Mac's passing, as I was just asking about him last week. I worked with Mac at Russ Dean Ford and attended many car shows with Mac with his Henry J and Hudson pickup.

Mac knew his Ford car parts, anytime someone needed to know the part number for a ford component, Mac could say the part number from his memory. Many of us will miss Mac and express our sincerest condolences to his family.

Randy Bunch - March 13, 2019 at 04:43 PM