



Vernon "Vern" Lee Samples

December 16, 1933 - September 15, 2019

Vernon Lee Sampels, "Vern" age 85, of Powell Butte, lost his battle with Alzheimer's on Sunday, September 15th.

Vern was born on December 16th, 1933 in Bend, Oregon. The son of Wilber and Evelyn Sampels. He grew up with his two younger sisters Alice and Glenda along with his uncle Les Schwab.

Known for his athletic abilities, lettering in basketball and football lead to a football scholarship with Oregon State University. After graduating in 1956 from Oregon State with a bachelor's degree in health and science, Vern enlisted in the Army stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, to become a paratrooper. It was during his time at Fort Bragg, he met and married Loy Clark in 1959. The newlyweds immediately headed to Madras, Oregon to start his career as a high school biology teacher and coach. Vern also taught and coached at Cottage Grove and Redmond high school until 1978 when he left teach to run his own business. Vern is most known in the Central Oregon community as successfully owner of the Vern Sampels Landscaping business for over 30 years.

With a love of the outdoors, Vern enjoyed archery hunting and fishing. He even caught an 18-pound 3 ounce, 31 inches long brown trout from Paulina in 1960. He made the newspaper as the largest ever caught spin fishing. One of

his greatest archery hunting achievements was a 4-point buck that he proudly displayed in his home. Birdwatching was also a passion. He enjoyed being a member of the National Audubon Society and an expert at identifying every bird he saw.

Vern was a member of the of the Powell Butte Christian Church where he served in a variety of ways. Although Alzheimer's slowed his body and mind, Vern's kind and loving spirit was ever present. His constant talking, storytelling and one liner's brought joy to many.

As a supportive and loving husband, Vern cared about his family and wife's interest. Often announcing for Loy's clogging performances. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping with this four children and grandchildren.

Vern is survived by his wife Loy, four children Arden, Shane, Andrew, Kiley. Grandchildren, (Arden) Victoria, Hayden, (Shane) Evan, Katie, (Andrew) Zach, Audra, Clark, Drew, Ridge, Daisha, David (Kiley) Sydney, Sage, Macy and 9 great-grandchildren. Sisters Alice and Glenda.

Service will be on September 27th, 2019 at 11 am. Powell Butte Christian Church. 13720 SW Highway 126, Powell Butte, OR 97753. The family suggests sending memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association at <https://www.alz.org/>

Tribute Wall

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“ My husband and I have had the pleasure of knowing Vern since the early 90's. What a special person. Always smiled while he spoke and so knowledgable and excited about landscaping. The now tall trees he's planted here almost 30 years ago, will always remind us of Vern. Rest In Peace good man. Diane Lozito & David Jenkins

Diane Lozito - September 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Loy and family! Vern was special, and we will all miss him very much. We wish you and yours the healing power of many beautiful memories. Your friends, Ted and Donna Moan

Ted and Donna Moan - September 29, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Loy, I am so sorry for your loss. Vern was a great guy and I enjoyed all his stories. He made clogging "out" so much more fun. I am planning on attending the services Friday, so will talk to you there.
Deb Garley

Deb Garley - September 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM