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Gary Ray Porter

Pendleton

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Gary Ray Porter, 62, of Pendleton died on Friday, March 25 at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 2 at 3:00 p.m. in the Pendleton Seventh-day Adventist Church, with burial to be held on Monday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. in Olney Cemetery.

Gary was born March 9, 1954, in San Francisco, California, to Ernest and Marlene (Anderson) Porter. He spent most of his childhood in Pendleton and his teenage years at the family ranch in Silver Lake, Oregon, during the summers. He attended Harris Jr. Academy, Laurelwood Academy and Walla Walla Valley Academy. He went to Blue Mt. Community College and graduated from Walla Walla College in 1978.

He worked for Harris Pine until December of 1986. He married Kathy Clayton in 1974. They had two daughters, Shelli and Melissa; later Gary and Kathy divorced. Later on Gary married Connie Krieger.

He enjoyed fishing, playing basketball, riding horses, ham radio, working on cars and his fish aquariums. He was an active member in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in prison ministries and as a deacon.

Gary is survived by his wife Connie Porter of Pendleton; father Ernest Porter; mother Marlene Porter of Pendleton; children Shelli Rehberg of Tacoma, Washington, and Melissa Porter of University Place, Washington; stepson Justin Krieger of Pendleton, Oregon; brother Gene Porter of Silver Lake, Oregon, and sister Donna Griffin of Pendleton, Oregon; four grandchildren, and three stepgrandchildren.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of funeral arrangements. You can go to www.burnsmortuaryofpendleton and sign the guestbook.

