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Milton-Freewater

September 22, 1943-February 21, 2016

Charles Michael McEachern, age 72, passed away on the evening of February 21, 2016, at the Milton-Freewater Health and Rehabilitation Center in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. Although a generally quiet and soft-spoken man, Charles was also one of the most gifted people this world has ever known. He will be remembered by many for his uncanny ability with all things mechanical, electric, or musical. If it was broke he could fix it. If it was musical he could play it.

Born September 22, 1943, to Robert Clarence McEachern and Darlene Joyce Hamburgh-McEachern in Berkley, California, Charles was the eldest of three children. After completing high school he went on to obtain a license as an electrician and organ technician. Charles then resided and worked in California for most of his early life. In December 1983 he moved with wife Jessica and family to College Place, Washington, and from there to northeastern Oregon in early 1984.

Charles worked with many local businesses including Gene's Electric, Pendleton Ready Mix, Best Little Computer, and Pendleton Music Store before it closed. He also repaired and tuned organs and pianos for numerous churches and private individuals on the side. In his free time Charles enjoyed playing his own musical instruments, taking walks or bike rides, and tinkering in his shop. Unfortunately his love of life and all things technical was cut short in 1999 when he was forced to early retirement due to progression of Parkinson's Disease.

Charles is preceded in death by his father Robert, mother Darlene, and younger brother Steven. He is survived by wife Jessica McEachern, younger sister Alice, children Sarah, Junella, Jonathan and Hannah, and eight grandkids, as well as stepchildren and their families.

Charles will be laid to rest at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton, Oregon.

Expressions of condolences or remembrances can be sent to the McEachern Family c/o Hannah Chappell, 120 W. Oregon Ave., Irrigon, OR 97844 or at www.pioneerchapel.com

