



Leslie Gordon Torrence

June 15, 1954 - July 5, 2022

Leslie Gordon Torrence - 06.15.1954-07.05.2022

Leslie Gordon Torrence- better known as Les, didn't leave this earth without a fight. In April 2022 Les was diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer that was fast processing, although his battle was short - we find peace in knowing his body is no longer hurting or fighting.

Born June 15th, 1954 in Spokane, WA he resided in Moses Lake for most of his life. He passed away on July 5th, 2022 at 68 years old, surrounded by his loved ones.

Les was survived by his wife of nearly 49 years Susan (Sue) Torrence, his two sons and their families: Brian, Brooke & Emma (10) and Brent, Ashley, Max (2) and Toby due in October 2022. Les was preceded in death by his mother Margaret Thompson, his father Raymond Torrence and sister Leila Pippins. Les graduated Moses Lake High School in 1972, he had a few jobs before attending barber school in 1979 - he was a 2nd generation barber at Broadway Barbershop in Moses Lake for 43 years.

It was rare to find Les sitting around doing nothing, he was a busy man. He found joy in hunting, fishing, coaching, and building RC airplanes. Les and Sue loved to camp together and with friends. They have visited places from the Oregon Coast to Yellowstone National Park. They also were frequent visitors to Hotel Playa Mazatlan in Mazatlan, Mexico, with nearly 20 trips under their belt. Last summer they decided on a special guided trip to Greece

that holds many memories for the two of them.

Some of Brian's favorite memories with his dad are the fishing trips to Sekiu, WA, where they stayed in a crooked house that had recliners on the front porch. He also remembers always being able to hear his dad from the stands- whether he was cheering him on or making sure the refs were doing their job right.

As a kid, Brent remembers following his dad around, watching and learning as he mowed the lawn or fixed the cars. Brent enjoyed spending lots of time on the lake with his dad- they were always up to something: fishing, hunting, skiing or just taking a swim. Les also coached some of Brent's baseball teams, so games and tournaments were always a family affair. Brent also worked side-by-side with Les in the barbershop for 19 years, he got to hear ALLLLL his stories (over and over again). Les taught Brent to work hard and to take care of his family.

Les's granddaughter, Emma cherishes the times in the camp trailer when she would have a slumber party with grandma and grandpa. Les would always get her donuts for breakfast, when grandma would go in to take a shower, he would sneak her an extra donut and say "here ya go, you little monster and don't tell grandma!"

Les will be missed by many and his legacy in our community will live on through stories and memories. His baby blue eyes will also live on, he was an organ donor and although the cancer prevented more of his organs from being donated, his corneas will go to two separate recipients to save their vision.

Les's Celebration of Life will be at Paradise Bar & Grill in Moses Lake on Saturday July 30th from 4pm-11pm, on the lower level. A brief memorial service will start at 4:30. Open house style, stop by and celebrate with us!

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **30**. 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM (PT)

Paradise Bar & Grill
3000 W Marina Dr
Moses Lake, WA 98837

Tribute Wall

DB

“ Oh my goodness. I went to Molar Barber school with him. He was a great guy and often spoke of Susan. My deepest sympathies to the family.

Diane Stegall Boettcher - April 16, 2023 at 09:50 PM

RS

“ Les was always a pleasant guy to be around. We had heat conversations. I attached a picture of Les giving my grandson his first haircut.



Randy Sandberg - November 22, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ So sad to hear of this, Les cut my hair for as long as I remember until moving to Wenatchee and several times after that. RIP and happy hunting and may your lines always be tight...

Sour Swindoll - September 20, 2022 at 06:07 PM

PM

“ Sue - I have such fond memories of our Avon days, and of Les cutting Kaare's hair. My sincere condolences to you and your family... -Patti Youngblood

Patti E Morgan - September 20, 2022 at 11:51 AM

BJ

“ *Les was a great asset to our community and will be greatly missed. RIP my friend!* ”



Bob Juarez - July 29, 2022 at 11:25 PM

DT

“ *he was a great brother in-law sorry for the loss* ”

darrell templeton - July 29, 2022 at 11:15 PM

LJ

“ *I will always remember Les - his bright eyes, warm smile and that wonderful personality that made you feel special and loved. The world is less lovely without Les in it.* ”

Lane Johnson - July 29, 2022 at 06:52 PM

LJ

“ *Lane Johnson lit a candle in memory of Leslie Gordon Torrence* ”



Lane Johnson - July 29, 2022 at 06:48 PM

SW

“ *Sue, Please accept our deepest condolences on your loss. We hold Les close in our memories and hold you and your family close in our thoughts and prayers. Patti & Scott West* ”

Scott West - July 29, 2022 at 05:03 PM

SH

“ Sue and family, sorry for your loss, Les will be missed but he will always be with you in your heart. God Bless family
Mike and Shirley Woodworth

Shirley - July 29, 2022 at 12:29 PM



“ Your smile, your always positive attitude will be missed by me and your many freinds! RIP
Les!



Bruce Literal - July 29, 2022 at 09:51 AM

RG

“ Robin And Gerald Goude lit a candle in
memory of Leslie Gordon Torrence



Robin and Gerald Goude - July 29, 2022 at 05:34 AM

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“ Have known Les & Sue for many years, may
Les rest in peace



Patricia (Gerber)Ledbetter - July 28, 2022 at 11:35 PM

TB

“ *My condolences to your family Brent.*

Todd Bohne - July 28, 2022 at 10:02 PM

HM

“ *Oh, Sue, we are heartbroken for you and the rest of your family...*

Holly & Barry Moos - July 28, 2022 at 01:23 AM

KW

“ *So sad to hear of Leslie's passing. He was my friend in the 5th and 6th grades Knolls Vista school. We spent a couple summers, winters and Halloweens raising cain in our Clark Rd neighborhood. Good times and good memories.*

Kim Wareham - July 28, 2022 at 12:54 AM

WL

“ *Wendy & Lane lit a candle in memory of Leslie Gordon Torrence*



Wendy & Lane - July 27, 2022 at 11:57 PM

DH

“ *Donna Johnson Haynes lit a candle in memory of Leslie Gordon Torrence*



Donna Johnson Haynes - July 27, 2022 at 11:57 PM

DH

“ *Best brother-in-law ever ! He will be missed dearly . Rest In Peace my friend* 🥹

Donna Johnson Haynes - July 27, 2022 at 11:56 PM

RS

“ *Randall Stewart lit a candle in memory of Leslie Gordon Torrence*



Randall Stewart - July 27, 2022 at 08:20 PM