



Lester Wayne Smallen

June 26, 1944 - November 5, 2018

Lester Wayne Smallen passed away peacefully at his Marysville home, on November 5, 2018, in the company of family.

Les was born on June 26, 1944, in the small Plumas County town of Greenville, the son of Melbra and Bruce Smallen. Les was very close to his brother, Larry Bruce Smallen. His parents and brother predecease him.

Les moved to Marysville at age 14 and graduated from Miracle Christian School in 1962. Les remained a lifetime resident of this community.

Les was a Real Estate Appraiser for 46 years. He began his banking career in 1966, working for Midvalley Savings and Loan, which was subsequently purchased by Great Western Bank.

In 1994, he was hired by Sacramento Savings and Loan as Vice President and Chief Appraiser. Les was a Residential Member of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and a member of the Sacramento Chapter of the Society of California Real Estate Appraisers.

Les was married for 53 years to Patricia, who survives him. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Darren Wayne and Karen Marie.

As a member of Marysville Rotary, Les was the first advisor for the Marysville Interact Club, an international service club for young people ages 12 to 18. His involvement with local youth also included coaching soccer. Because he coached in the earliest years of the Youth Soccer Leagues, Les first had to be trained himself in the rules and strategies of the sport and then shared that knowledge with the kids.

Les was an avid fisherman from his earliest years as a boy in Greenville, continuing into his retirement. This love of fishing led to the purchase of a houseboat. Les and Pat enjoyed 34 years of houseboating on Lake Oroville, where they also enjoyed kayaking, watching birds and other wildlife and simply enjoying the beauty of the lake. Les and Pat's retirement also included the pleasure of travel, with cruises to Alaska and the Panama Canal.

No formal services are planned and his ashes will be scattered at a later date at Lake Oroville. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make memorial donations to a charity of their choice.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Sutter Health Hospice for their help and comfort at this difficult time.