



Leslie Leroy Pakulak

May 9, 1936 - May 1, 2019

On Wednesday, May 6, we said farewell to Leslie Pakulak, son of Marjorie (Johnson, Pakulak) Hill and William Pakulak, brother of Bill Pakulak (Betty Pakulak), uncle to Danna Joy Pakulak and Erick Pakulak, and great-uncle to Vanessa Pakulak-Hodge and Misty Pakulak, as well as many surviving cousins.

He was born May 9, 1936, in Springfield, Oregon, and lived his first years in Wendling, Oregon. He was a veteran of the Army as well as the Naval Reserves. After his graduation from the University of Oregon, he became the Director of Parks and Recreation in Oregon City. He retired to Lincoln City in 1985, where he later drove a school bus, part-time, for many years.

Les was an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member of the Tsisqan Lodge and Oregon Trail Council. He was awarded the Silver Beaver, the highest award given by a BSA council, given for years of dedicated service to scouting and his community. He was a James E. West donor and also was a Founders Award recipient from the Order of the Arrow. He truly enjoyed working with youth, and his friendly and encouraging attitude towards life impacted many scouts young and old alike.

Les was also a foster parent for a number of children, as well as a long-time volunteer for the Elks in Lincoln City. He loved to be outside in nature and

spent a lot of his time hiking and backpacking in the Cascades, Olympics, and many other mountain ranges.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, June 8, at 1 pm, at Camp Baker, in Florence. The address is: 5262 Boy Scout Road, Florence, Oregon, 97439. Lunch will be provided. Please rsvp by May 30 to: pakulak1@msn.com or phone at 206.380.5448.

He will now be found hiking the Pacific Coast Trail, as he did in life. Any remembrances can be made to the Tsisqan Legacy Fund, BSA: <https://tsisqan.org/legacy-project/>

Tribute Wall

LE

“ Thank you for sharing your view of Uncle Les when he was at P&R. I think of him often when I pass by the pool on the way to visit my dad - Les' brother - who lives in Oregon City. Danna Joy Pakulak

Leslie - April 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ Thank you for your memories of Uncle Les. He definitely had a flair for picking cars, and I remember that green Porsche well, as I have a photo of me posing in front of it as a teen. His love of backpacking inspired me to backpack often in the Olympics, truly a special place on this earth.

Leslie - April 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Les led many hikes through the Oregon City Parks and Recreation department where he'd shepard over a dozen young hikers through the national forests for a week or more. Those trips were an important summer activity for many teens and we loved Les for his cheerful and ever confident attitude. Les had a little green Porche that the boys all envied and was full of good cheer in the years I knew him (70's). Les Pakulak was a good man and a wonderful influence in my life and I remember him fondly. I wish him a wonder filled joyous after life.

Leslie - April 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am sad to hear of Les's passing. I want to share with you that I knew Les while he was Director of Parks and Recreation in Oregon City and when he moved to Lincoln City. I began working with the Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Department in 1979. I know I have some pictures of him somewhere..... He made us (all in the P & R business) Think outside the box.. not to do what everyone else did... take a chance, do it different. He helped shape me as a young professional to be bold and do it with a smile and laugh. It's good to think of someone you know from the past and Thank them from your heart for what they gave to their community. He will be missed.

Leslie - May 15, 2019 at 12:00 AM