



James M Belcher

July 13, 1945 - July 29, 2017

James Mark Belcher, age 72, of Waldport, Oregon passed away at home from the effects of cancer on July 29, 2017. James was born in McMinnville, Oregon on July 13, 1945 to Mark Belcher and Wilma Mahan.

James was an avid outdoorsman, fishing being his favorite sport of choice. He spent many afternoons fishing with his youngest grandbaby, Rueben. He fought four tours in Vietnam as a crew chief, pulling wounded from 'hot spots' and to safety; surviving three helicopter crashes before coming home.

He worked for a time driving a truck, long hauling all over the states. James changed careers and became an electrician till his retiring days. A job he loved very much, enough to come out of retirement two more times before finally retiring for good.

He was active in the American legion and the Moose Lodge for many years; touching many hearts and sharing his compassion. James was a fighter and never gave up. He stubbornly fought till the very end.

He loved his family and friends very much. Words don't do justice to how this many loved and lived.

James is survived by his children: Casey Belcher of Waldport, OR, Jackie Leard of El Cajon, CA, James McDonald of Philomath, OR; sisters: Lou McKuhn of South Beach, OR, Paula Driver of Logsdon, OR; and brother Billy Spratt of Salt Lake City, Utah. James is also survived by eight grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his son James Belcher Jr. and his brother Leon Cox.

A Celebration of Life will be held on the 16th of September at 2:00 p.m. located at Big Creek Park in Newport. Please bring Pot Luck style dish to share.