



Vergil Backes

August 7, 1944 - May 8, 2025

Tidewater resident, Mr. Vergil L. Backes Jr. passed away on May 8, 2025 at his home in Tidewater, OR. Vergil was born August 7, 1944 to Vergil Leslie & Irene (McGrath) Backes in Los Angeles, California. He married Barbara Smith in 1961, and they remained married until his death. Together they had 2 sons, Vergil and Ron Backes.

Vergil became the Postmaster in Yachats, OR, and served in that position for 15 years, before retiring in 2005. In his retirement, Vergil loved tending to their family garden and traveling with Barbara to visit family in their RV. He became a member (Senior Soldier) of The Salvation Army Newport Corps in 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Christina, and his son, Ron Backes. He is survived by his wife Barbara; son, Vergil (and Darlene); 6 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life for Vergil is planned for 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 9, 2025 at The Salvation Army Newport Corps, 140 NE 4th St, Newport, OR 97365.

Vergil was laid to rest at the Yachats Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Salvation Army Newport Corps.

Arrangements were cared for by the Bateman Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 9. 2:00 PM (PT)

Salvation Army Newport Corps
140 NE 4th St,
Newport, OR 97365

Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences to family and big hugs to Barbara.* ”



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