

Lyndel “Butch” Conley

1942–2026

July 9, 2026



Lyndel (Butch) Conley was born in Dunsmuir, CA 12/26/1942 to Wanda and Melvin Conley. He was affectionately known as Butchie, BC, and Butchie Baby (everyone remembers Dot Gargaetas). He graduated Dunsmuir High in 1960 and OIT in 1964 with his Laboratory Technician degree. He went to work right away at Seaside Hospital, where he met his longtime friend Jerry Cutsforth. They had many escapades which were often remembered at parties. The common theme seemed to be alcohol and many times hunting or fishing. These trips also included good friend Ron Hintz. Thank goodness one friend was an attorney! Those were definitely different times!

At Seaside Hospital in the 60's and 70's, a lab tech was much more involved in patient care; he assisted with birth (his own son included), CPR, and even open cardiac massage. After Dr. Vipond read about electronic cardiac shock in a journal, Butch had to strip a wire from a light which was placed on a patient and Butch climbed under the table and plugged and unplugged the light to defibrillate the patient.

He later worked with Dr. Kasper for 11 years at Del Norte Medical Where he enjoyed playing racquetball, and skiing with Dr. George. During this time, he played softball with many of his friends from Seaside Hospital. He followed up his career at Redwood medical offices with Kevin & Donna. They are partners, bosses, and mostly friends.

He always loved ocean fishing and like the challenge of navigating and boat operations, as well as figuring out how to fix any malfunctioning part – he could fix anything (hence the name “ Mr. fixit”). His buddies, Mike Dillon and Dick Mayle we’re always at his side.

He was not just survived by, but was loved by his kids. They were always number one in his life. Mike, Mark (Falisha.), Jeff (Coreena), and Melissa(Joe). The grandkids, Daniel, Kelsie, Kaylyn, Caitlynn, Christina, William, James and Summer were also loved by Butch. In addition, great grandkids, Jett, Dax, Addie and Miles will also miss him. Butch is survived by Monica Sperling his companion and wife of 45 years and his former wife Victoria (Vicki) mother of his four children. His other close family is brother Larry and sisters, Dixie, Diana, Jorgene, Judie and Linda.

The family invites all to a remembrance of Butch at Enoteca in Crescent city Saturday, July 18, 2026 from 4 to 6. If he drew your blood, fixed something for you or was your friend, come by to meet his family.

Just Right!