



Melvin Wesley Lininger

October 3, 1940 - September 6, 2020

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“Mel was a great Mechanic and was really well rounded on all the different categories

of Mechanics, Electrical, Hydraulics, Etc. He knew how to make custom tools when needed and made one to remove a soft plug from the back of a head on my 440 Cuda'!

I worked for him off and on throughout my early years in the 70s and he helped me get my Class A Commercial License by letting me use one of his trucks and trailer.

One day in the parking lot at the Higuera St. shop next to Dale's Body Shop where I was working he put Masking tape on my 52 Ford Truck door that said: "Sanford & Son" an old comedy show on t.v., everybody got a good laugh out of that. Another day he was moving the same old 52 truck in his parking lot and a brake line rotted out & he almost didn't get it stopped in time, but he did. One of my funniest memories with him was he was showing me how he wanted me to wash a truck over on Madonna Rd. and at one point I handed him back the hose and I accidentally filled up one of his low cut shoes with water, he wasn't real happy about that!!!

He was my "Go To" guy when I had a mechanical question and he was always happy to help people with advice. I spoke with him for the last time a few weeks ago and I mentioned that I was restoring a boat and told him that it had a 302 Ford Engine in it and he said he had one that I could have but we never made it over to Madonna's to pick it up, it's not something that I really needed but I appreciated his generosity.

The most touching story he ever told me was about going to look at a Dozer out in the boon docks somewhere where there was a fire going on and he thought that he was going to die while on that expedition and got really choked up while telling me the story and it kind of shocked me as I had never seen any real emotion from him before, he was a pretty happy guy as I remember him.

I know he was very proud of his Son and his accomplishments and

*job skills, I remember when the kids were little and used to see
them down at the shop on Higuera
St.*

Good by Old Friend, Sincerely, Larry Land.

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