



James Henry Garland

June 10, 1952 - November 30, 2012

JAMES "JIM" HENRY GARLAND June 10, 1952 ~ November 30, 2012 In poor health in recent years, Jim Garland passed away at his home in Vancouver, Washington on November 30, 2012. He is survived by his son, Derek Garland of Mayo, FL; his daughter, Tara Kerr of Arden, NC; his grandchildren through Derek - Trevor and Abby; his grandchildren through Tara - Dakota, Sydney and Oliver; his brothers, Tim of Stoughton, MA, Kim of Sammamish, WA, and Kevin of Tallahassee, FL. Jim was born in Plainview, TX on June 10, 1952, the second son of Hank and Gerry Garland. Hank's teaching jobs took the young family first to Addison, IL, where Jim lived until he was 8 years old. The family then moved to Tallahassee, FL where Jim went to Florida High's Elementary School and then to Florida High School. Jim was a good athlete, playing baseball and football for Florida High school. In fact, Jim held the school record for highest batting average for a number of years. Jim graduated from Florida High in 1970. Jim worked his way through college, graduating from Florida State University with a physical education major. Coaching and teaching young people was his first love, and Jim coached baseball (once leading them to the state championship tournament) and football at Mayo High School for 16 years. He was named Coach of the Year, the same year that his son Derek was named Player of the Year. Jim always followed his heart and was never afraid to try something new. He moved to North Carolina and owned and operated a furniture store. Most recently, Jim moved to Vancouver, WA and learned to drive tractor-trailer trucks. He loved

being outside on the open road, seeing the natural beauty of various parts of the country. A graveside service will be held at Abbey Funeral Home at noon on Friday, December 21. As he requested, Jim's ashes will be buried alongside the graves of his parents there. A memorial service will also be held on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 12:30 in the afternoon at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

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