



## James Edward Marchel

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"A generous spirit, Jim was always ready to lend a helping hand to friends and family." In loving memory of James "Jim" Edward Marchel, 66, who passed peacefully on Dec. 26, 2014. He was born in Seattle, WA and the family moved to the Vancouver, WA area in the late 1950's. As a young boy, Jim helped his father in the dairy business, delivering milk and running the routes when his father fell ill. After graduating from Hudson Bay High School in 1966, Jim entered an electrician apprentice program pursuing an electricians trade. He was a member of IBEW Local #48 and worked as an employee of Bachofner Electric for many years. He spent most of his life in the Clark County area and several years in Wenatchee, WA. Jim lived his life with gusto, never backing down from a fight. He brought that fighting mentality to his recovery after a severe electrical shock which nearly killed him. Even in his recent battle with a fatal infection, he fought until the very end. Jim could often be heard bragging about the amazing sons he had. His gift to them was the value of a job well done, a strong work ethic, and the love of family. Jim is survived by his two sons, James E. Marchel, Jr. and Joel R. Marchel; mother, Myrtis Marchel; four brothers, Bob, Doug, Don, and Kevin Marchel; sister, Marianne Buckley; four grandchildren, Alicia Renner-Marchel, Joel Marchel Jr., Erika Marchel, Jared Marchel; and one beautiful great-granddaughter, Kirah. He was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd; and his brother, Steve. A memorial service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, Wed., Jan. 7

th, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Please sign his guest book at:  
[www.columbian.com/obits](http://www.columbian.com/obits).

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**Evergreen Memorial Gardens** - July 03, 2025 at 08:20 PM

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“ I'm sorry for your loss. I knew James in school, graduated with him in 66. I remember him as always being one of the good guys. Phil Dreher

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**phil dreher** - January 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ A lot of what I know as an electrician I owe to Sr. and most of what I know about sarcasm I owe to him as well. I will always have the highest respect for Jim and will miss him. But I take solace in knowing that he is up there looking down....and probably chocking on a heavenly grape or whatever fruit there is. :)

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**Mac** - January 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM