



James Monroe Palmer

December 30, 1933 - July 6, 2016

JAMES "JIM" MONROE PALMER December 30, 1933 ~ July 6, 2016 "Always quick with a joke, laugh, or story, Jim had the best sense of humor." Jim Palmer, 82, passed away on July 6, 2016. He was born on Dec. 30, 1933 in Ryderwood, WA to Glen John and Catherine Jean Palmer. Jim had an active, full life. He first joined the Merchant Marines in 1949 at 16 years old and later joined the Army in 1954. His time in the Army took him to Austria and Germany, where he worked with heavy weaponry. After discharging from the Army, Jim went to work on ocean tugs for Foss Maritime and then on to Tidewater Barge Lines for 11 years. He then worked as a licensed Diesel Engineer for The Port of Portland, dredging both the Columbia and Willamette rivers, retiring in 1993. Jim spent many years volunteering as a coach at Alcoa Little League, where he also coached his son, Jim. Later on, he coached his grandchildren at Hazel Dell Little League. He was a dedicated fan of the Mariners and Seahawks. Jim's favorite activities were spending time with family, fishing, camping, and woodworking. Jim was a great husband, dad, father-in-law, uncle, and friend. He will be missed by many. Jim is survived by the love of his life and wife of 62 years, Nancy Palmer; four children: Kathy Thompson (Stan, deceased), Terry Ledoux (Jim), Vicki Warren (Jim), and Jim Palmer, Jr. (Carolyn); seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Services will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Vancouver, WA on Mon., July 11, 2016 at 12:30 p.m. There will be viewing Sat., 12:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Sun., 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Jim was a member of Main Street Community

Church. Donations may be made in Jim's memory to Main Street Community Church, 108 W. 27th, Vancouver, WA 98660. Please sign his guest book at: www.columbian.com/obits.

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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 06:36 PM

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“ Jims humor is something I'll always remember. He will be forever missed but not forgotten.

Mike Tomasini - July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Jim SR was my little league coach and I grew up in same neighborhood as the Palmer family. My best to the family, I know he will be missed.

Brian Brown - July 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I loved sitting next to Jim at church he always made me laugh. I look forward to the day that I see him again. Many prayers to his wonderful family and my sympathy for your loss.

Maria Long - July 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Funny funny man! Always enjoyed seeing him when I coached at HDLL. Rest in peace...

Jeff Stein - July 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Jim was awonderfull Friend and we sure will miss him. To the Family ouer deepest Sympaty.

Rudy and Sue Miksche Figley - July 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jim was a wonderful man! He will be missed by so many.

Jeff and Connie Chilcote - July 10, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ our deepest sympathy

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