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James Lane Weythman passed away peacefully, at the age of 70, on January 03, 2020, at his Cashmere "Brass Mountain" home with family by his bedside. Jim was named after his great-grandfather, an early pioneer, who in 1885, homesteaded in Monitor.

Jim attended Mountlake Terrace schools and shortly after graduating in 1968, was drafted into the Army and sent to Vietnam to serve his country. Jim was wounded and honorable discharged with many citizens in 1971. In order to help heal his wounds, Jim left the valley to attend college in the Southwest. After returning to the valley, Jim married Gayle Backman in 1978 and started their 41 years of life together.

Jim was a man of many talents; in addition to have the "family" calling for being an orchardist in his genes, he also worked for Cascade Helicopters and Pipkin Construction. Jim was great with his hands and loved figuring things out. Due to health reasons, he retired early and began fixing up his beloved Brass Mountain.

Jim leaves behind his wife, Gayle, daughters: Jamie Ackerman (Tadd) and Jody Valasco (Francisco); grandchildren: Madison, Payton, Makena, Gavin and Mya; his dog, Bentley; sister, Susie Hughes (Mike) and nieces: Mikey and Alicia. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Jim loved his family and taught his grandkids how to drive the go-cart, and also loved to take them 4-wheeling over the roller coasters, the hills on Brass Mountain. Jim especially enjoyed snowmobiling and hunting with his friends but had one stipulation for the young, first time hunters, that they had to show him the deer they shot.

Jim's Memorial Service will be held from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2020, at the Cashmere Riverside Center, 201 Riverside Drive, Cashmere, WA, 98815.

The family would like to thank hospice and the many good friends who helped them through this. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Humane Society or Confluence Health Foundation-Hospice, 731 N. Chelan Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801. You are invited to view Jim's online tribute at www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com to share a memory. Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

MY FRIEND

An Incredible simple six letter word to describe such a complex relationship between two men.... Yes, my friend, as I pen these very words I smile thru the tears, the nicknames we have "stuck" upon each other.... "Jimmy Dimwit"..."Olaf the Viking"..."El Wincho"...."Mr. August."

Being unique is not an easy task and Jim you wrote the textbook on how to be

an anomaly! So many characteristics you have shared with the world, could have only been created in the forge of life that you have tempered yourself in. Indeed, it has been a privilege to have had the benefit of your selfless sharing of the way to live life like a man!

Jim you took it upon yourself to clear the trail of life all the way to the Right of Way, making it easy for individuals, like myself, to stumble along behind you! Knowing that the route ahead was not only pioneered, it was cleared! As you prepare to embark on another leg of your journey that will remain unknown to us more mortals.... a journey that can only be made alone... Once again you have prepared, once again, James Weythman has his shit together and yes, once again, my friend, you have shown me how to be a man.

When the shadows of life lengthen and the autumn daylight fades, know that you my friend continue to light the way. We are here as you snowmobile into winter. We will follow your trail at some yet unknown time. Above all else my friend, know that we will carry on and lovingly support the agenda you have so graciously left for all of us.

Love,
Your Friend,
Joe Fitzgerald

Tribute Wall

SD

“ I have had the pleasure of knowing Jim's wife Gayle for many years but really didn't get to know Jim until we worked together performing a demolition on the Aplets and Cotlets candy store for a remodel. Jim had a great sense of humor and was always upbeat no matter what we were tearing down or what nasty dirty job we were assigned that day. It was obvious that he had some physical limitations but not once did he complain. He was a powerful machine with a tremendous work ethic. I treasure his friendship even though our times together throughout the years were far and few between. Maybe a coffee together if I ran into him or a quick hi and a hug if we passed each other in a store. One time when I was a family liaison at the hospital I heard that he had been admitted for a bone infection in his leg. I knocked on the door; curtain was closed and asked him if he was ready for his enema. I thought he was going to come out of that bed until he saw it was me. We had a good laugh! I will miss him!

Susan Day - February 05, 2020 at 02:51 PM

VD

“ Having been blessed with knowing Jim, his constant positive attitude and sense of humor. He was always fun and a joy to visit with. Our short times spent together just visiting over a lunch, or breakfast will be missed. He is truly an example of a life lived well without complaint and a let's get it done attitude. Rest in peace my friend. No more pain. Vic

Victor Day - February 05, 2020 at 01:49 PM

LH

“ Approximately 40 years ago I was introduced to Jim and Gayle by my good friend Marilyn Pipkin. At the time, I lived across the river from them so if I had troubles, I headed to their house. My first lasting memory was in the early 80's when Gayle was going out of town and asked me to stay at the house to "watch over the girls" and get Jim his coffee (they had an electric percolator). Many memories were to follow including the girl's weddings, birthdays, grand kids, water skiing, tubing, sitting with Jim during Gayle's surgery, but most of all, getting advice from Jim. Whether it was buying my first home, boyfriends, marital problems, or going back to school, Jim was there to offer advice and for that I will always be thankful. He was there for me after graduating from college and took me for a celebratory ride on his Harley - such memories I cherish.

Linda Hokanson - February 04, 2020 at 11:42 AM

JW

“ Dad- I miss you so much! Thank you for being the best father a girl could ask for~ I love you.

Jody Weythman-Velasco - January 11, 2020 at 09:32 AM