



Jim Gipson "Jimmy"

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Age 73, of Tacoma, WA. Was surrounded by his loving family when the Lord called him home May 1st, 2018. Born December 21st, 1944 in Simsboro, LA. Jim, a retired military mechanic and Vietnam War Army Veteran was a Purple Heart recipient for his valiant acts of bravery during his three tours in Vietnam. Jim is survived by his wife of 46 years, Stacey Gipson. He is also survived by his brothers Arthur Gipson, Virgil Gipson, his children Glenn Gipson, Phyllis Mayhew, Julie Blakeslee, Debbie Coats, William Woodring, Tabitha Lockwood, Roger Gipson, 24 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his mother Willie Gipson and father Jo Henry Gipson, his sisters Marion Jackson and Leola Rice, brothers Harvey James Gipson and Leon Gipson, children Kenneth J. Woodring and Daphne Washington. Jim appreciated quality time with family and friends, was great at sharing wisdom through long talks and loved a good laugh. He loved hunting, Fishing and old westerns. He loved BBQ, Motown and good whiskey, not necessarily in that order. He was consistent, wise and hardworking. Forgiving, gracious and full of generosity. He was loved and cherished by all who knew him. May the lakes in Heaven be clear, calm and full of fish.



Events

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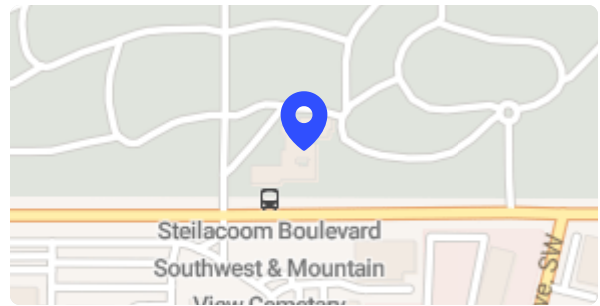
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Visitation

Monday, May 7, 2018

12:00 PM - 8:00 PM PT

Mountain View Funeral Home and Crematory
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA
98499

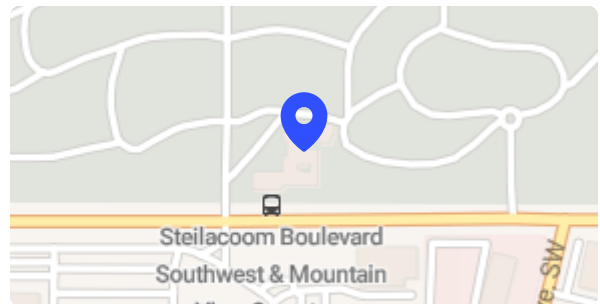


Visitation

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

12:00 AM - 1:00 PM PT

Aspen Chapel at Mountain View Memorial Park
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499

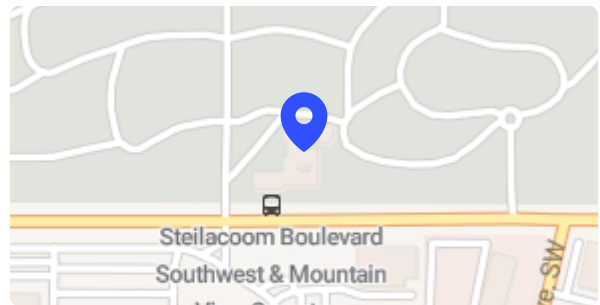


Celebration of Life

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

1:00 PM PT

Aspen Chapel at Mountain View Memorial Park
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499





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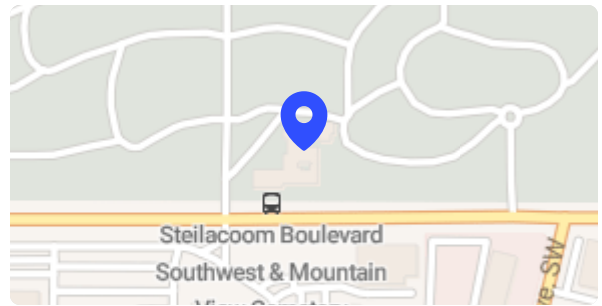
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Reception following the graveside

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

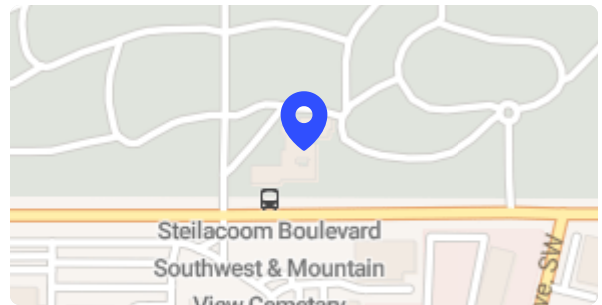
Willow Room - Celebration of Life Building on the grounds of Mountain View Memorial Park
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, LAKEWOOD WA 98499



Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA
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(253) 948-9895





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Healing Tears - All White to the Gipson "Jimmy" family.



May 7 at 1:45 PM



Dean Burke posted:

I've only known Jim for 11 years now, also as a neighbor. I'm thankful for all the evenings we would sort of just gravitate into a conversation in the yard, the alley or the sidewalk. If I had a garden growing, I could usually find Jim sneaking over to have a look. Jim shared a lot of fish with me. Anytime the family was over and the fish fryer was on, he was sharing something to eat. He carried with him a deep sense of community...a trait that is all too easily lost. He engaged my boys as they grew. Even when they might have been shy to talk, he made it easy for them to be heard and he modeled how to listen. If you knew Jim, then you might not believe this next part. But some months after his brother Harvey passed, I sat with Jim in his front yard and we ate crawfish together and had a few beers. And that's when Jim, as strong as he was, shed a tear for his brother and he told me how much he missed him. That was probably the most vulnerable I ever got to see him. And I'm glad we got to hang out together that evening. It was not uncommon that we would not see much of each other over the cold and rainy winter months. But Spring and Summer were always punctuated with Jim's presence outside. Always a wave, a big hello. Jim - it was an honor to know you, sir. And Stacy - we're right here as you need us. Thank you for being our neighbor and friend. Our hearts and prayers out to you now....-Dean & Heidi Burke

May 7 at 9:41 AM



Tj posted:

Jim was my neighbor for 21 years. During the summer months I think he spent more time outside than inside, always there with family or friends. He was always joyful with a warm heart. The first time I met Jim I was working on my boat engine. I had no idea how to adjust my valves and my neighbor, Harry (rip) said to ask Jim. He gladly came over and jumped in the engine compartment and showed me how to do it. I remember looking on thinking, How's this big man going to get out of that hole? I also thought what a nice man to drop everything to help a neighbor he just met. Through the years Jim has always been a fixture to come home to. Always saying hi, and sharing a beer. He loved company and I truly loved his. He's a great man to talk with. Some things are taken for granted. Jim, as summer is approaching, I know I will miss seeing you, I'll miss talking with you. A part of the neighborhood is gone. Jim, your struggle with health is now over and I know you have found peace. My heart goes out to Stacey and the family. Jim, you have been a silent hero and inspiration and for that I thank you. Bless you and your family, Tj

May 7 at 7:44 AM



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Robert (Pop) And Jannette (Janet) Carter sent a Classic Sympathy Dish Garden to the Gipson "Jimmy" family.

May 7 at 2:55 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Jim by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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