



# Jim Stennett

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**J**ames “Jim” Stennett, 76, passed away peacefully surrounded by immediate family at his home in Tacoma, Washington on June 1, 2023. A life-long Washingtonian, Jim was born October 30, 1946 in Spokane, WA to Edith Stock. While growing up, his early years were spent in the Key Peninsula region, Steilacoom, and Tacoma where he later attended Lincoln High School.

Jim married and started a family in his early 20s. He worked as a welder for Tacoma Boatbuilding Company, J.M. Martinac Shipbuilding Corp. and at Boeing for a short-time manufacturing airplanes; however, his primary career path was in forestry where he spent 40+ years operating heavy machinery for his own companies (S&S Logging and JDS Dozing) as well as for Vaughn Bay Lumber Co.

Outside of work, Jim was a well-known amateur drag racer and engine builder among his peers in the Tacoma-Seattle area since the 1960s. Spending considerable hours with the racing communities at Puyallup Dragway, Seattle International Raceway (now Pacific Raceway) and Bremerton Raceway.

Jim kept busy with many other hobbies including:

- Many years coaching kids sports at the Eastside Boys and Girls Club in Tacoma, WA: Football, Basketball and Baseball
- Water skiing in the summertime at American Lake and Lawrence Lake. As well as snow skiing in the winter months at Snoqualmie Pass and Crystal Mountain
- A Mason County Volunteer Firefighter (Victor Station)
- Several years in bowling leagues at different times in his life at Pacific Lanes and Tower Lanes in Tacoma, Washington
- Boating; ski boats and drag/jet boats in the 1970s. And fishing throughout the Puget Sound on his Bayliner in the late 1970s through mid-1980s
- Amateur Astronomy: Summer nights stargazing from the backyard with his children viewing the Moon and all the planets in our solar system
- Dirt bike riding and poker run races at Capitol Forest (Olympia) ORV Park, Tahuya ORV Park,



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Orting Evans Creek ORV Park, and Fort Lewis

-Video production in the mid to late 1980s. Including; video recording of many sporting events and rock concerts (band interviews) at the Tacoma Dome

Jim is survived by his two sons, James Stennett Jr. and David Stennett; partner and companion Nancy Boren (and son Justin); three grandchildren Madeline Stennett, Stella Stennett and Addison Stennett; three siblings Charlene Stennett, Jacque (and husband Mike) Clothier and Joan Runyan; and additional extended family members throughout the Pacific Northwest.

A private memorial service for Jim will be hosted by immediate family on June 16, 2023 in Tacoma WA. A more informal tribute will be held later this Summer (August 2023) by sons James and David. In lieu of sending flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Jim's honor to the Tacoma Humane Society at <https://www.thehumanesociety.org/donate/>.



# Tribute Wall

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**Justin Reid** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

To my father Jim, I sure miss all the advice you gave me and miss all your old stories from stealing wine with friends to riding in your friends police car in the 70's going down a steep hill and jumping the car. You told me you said "let me out of this effing thing" to him (I forgot his name sorry) then you would always pump me up about finding a better job that actually respects me and with better pay. I miss the times you would write me and say dinner is in the microwave and it's pot roast with carrots and potatoes. I think of you daily dad... Even though I wasn't blood you always made sure to treat me as such. I love you and you will forever be in my heart and mind.



August 3 at 9:20 PM



**Al Godwin** posted:

Today I said farewell to a life long friend and confidant. I will see you soon my friend. We will share the stories from our youth and race forever in the heavens. May everyone find solace in that he suffers no more physically. Jimmy would always say he was better better better and stronger everyday until about two months ago. Never one to want sympathy always worried about his friends.

June 16 at 12:16 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Stennett family.

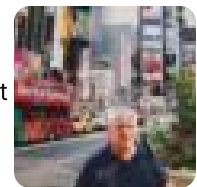


June 15 at 8:13 AM



**James Stennett, Jr** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I was lucky to have you as my Father. Thank you for all the guidance, love and support you provided to EVERYBODY over the years. You taught me and so many others various lessons in life over the years. Some of those lessons include; family always comes first, never assume, always ask "why?", curiosity leads to discovery, vision before planning, write it down or it cannot be managed, innovation (change) only happens when you are out of your comfort zone, self confidence and a smile will take you anywhere you want to go, work/life balance is a must have for for life, oil and water don't mix (especially in his race motor engine block), teamwork can always beat the best competitor, and always full throttle. Keep traveling through the cosmos, Dad. You will be missed by all.



June 8 at 1:33 PM



**Media**

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