

Greg John Joiner

November 6, 1948 - November 25, 2017

Gregory John Joiner was born in Tacoma, Washington on November 6th 1948 and passed away on November 25th 2017 after battling with cancer for several years. Preceded in death by his father Harrison Jesse John Joiner and mother Bernice Morgan (William), he is survived by his step-daughters, Dana Ramirez (Eduardo), and Sarah Neagle-Till, his sisters Christine "Tina" Joiner-Ellwein (Jim) and Claudia Joiner-Rutz, his brothers Mark and Kevin Paulson, as well as his grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Although a lifelong resident of Tacoma, some of his heritage is found in one of the Cherokee Nations tribe's in Oklahoma. Greg was a very focused, perseverant and hardworking man who studied many things and was constantly learning something new. He had an inner drive to be the best that he could be at all the things that he did in life. He liked to be outdoors hiking, hunting, fishing and gardening, he also liked to travel and to cook. When he graduated from Lincoln High School in 1967, he enlisted in the Coast Guard. During his time of service he traveled a lot. And he liked to travel! Most recently, he was traveling to Mexico as often as he could. On one such trip he learned to make salsa and that was evidence of his love for food and how much he enjoyed cooking. He was always receiving recognition for his achievements. He and his fellow crewman during his time in the Coast Guard were even given a commendation for participation in operation Deep Freeze. That operation was for the United States scientific program in Antarctica. They were commended for their hard work, perseverance and devotion to duty among other things. And all these qualities he tried to demonstrate to his family. In the coast Guard he learned welding skills and after finishing his enlistment, went on to Clover Park Technical College to cultivate it and even was found teaching his instructor the welding techniques he picked up in his time as a serviceman. The love of the craft would lead him to create stained glass artworks and even an 18 ft. aluminum fishing boat. He loved to fish! As a welder in the Boilermakers Union, his accomplishments as a metal craftsman were numerous and he excelled at every company he worked for. They even sent him to Japan for work related training. This was one of the few honors out of the many that he mentioned often. He has been called an excellent master welder by others in the craft. But eventually he retired from Todd Shipyard after a lengthy career as a master welder to enjoy doing the things he loved most, spending time with family and friends. Greg was a family man at heart and he was

always willing to lend you a helping hand or tell you how to do it if he knew how. He liked to teach others what he learned. He will be missed dearly for the father, brother, friend, teacher and example that he was to all. Do not assume otherwise!

Events

DEC **Visitation** 10:00AM - 08:00PM

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Mountain View Funeral Home & Crematory

4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW PO Box 99947, Lakewood, WA, US, 98499

DEC **Celebration of Life**01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Mountain View Garden Chapel

4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Ta, WA, US

DEC **Burial** 02:30PM - 03:00PM

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Mountain View Memorial Park

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DEC **Reception** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Mountain View Willow Room

4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood, WA, US

Comments



“ Happy Birthday Dad! We love and miss you!

Sarah Till - November 06, 2018 at 11:14 AM



“ Miss you Dad.

Sarah Neagle-Till - January 02, 2018 at 10:16 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of Greg's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Julie Latham - December 14, 2017 at 12:54 AM



“ Dad you were like a father to me, I know I said that in a constant basis to you and you always laughed. I wanted to share our stories from the time and could remember until the time you let this earth. Thirty six years of teaching me all sorts of things from riding a bike to changing the oil on my car, who taught me how to tie a proper knot and how to cast a fishing pole. I have experienced so many good times with you. Movies, music and even when you used to sit in the parking lot of my softball games and honk the car horn when I would hit the ball or steal a base. You were not one for crowds but you were always there. I could always count on you. Thank you for loving me and choosing me to be your daughter. It's very comforting to have a place to write and tell our stories. I love you Dad.

Sarah Neagle-Till - December 06, 2017 at 03:34 PM



“ Greg he was a teacher among many other things and in 20 years of knowing him many of his teachings are part of my life and will stay with me

Eduardo Ramirez - December 04, 2017 at 01:59 PM



“ Thank you

Kevin Paulson - December 05, 2017 at 03:33 AM



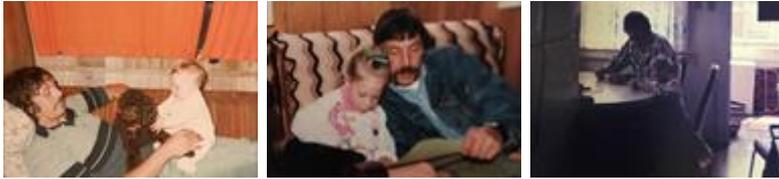
“ La Familia Ramirez- San Felipe Baja California purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Greg John Joiner.



La Familia Ramirez- San Felipe Baja California - December 04, 2017 at 10:23 AM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Sarah - November 28, 2017 at 09:13 AM



“ Life is way to complicated,it sucks to not be with your love ones

Kevin paulson - December 05, 2017 at 03:37 AM