



James Byrd

November 30, 1938 - July 30, 2017

James F. Byrd of Moses Lake, formerly of Auburn & Maple Valley, WA passed away on July 30, 2017 in Moses Lake, WA. Jim and his sister, Janet, were born in Seattle on November 30, 1938 to Frank & Elizabeth Byrd. Jim graduated from Highline High School in 1957.

He was a machinist at American Can Company, retiring in 1992 and later at King County Metro Sewage Treatment Plant retiring again in 1998. As a young man, he learned to cook in his family's restaurant, and loved to entertain and feed groups of people. Jim loved the outdoors, was an avid fisherman, hunter, camper and gardener. He looked forward to the annual hunting trip and his Elk Camp was infamous on Bald Mountain, rivaling most outfitter's camps. He loved to cut down trees with his chainsaw and stack cords of firewood to feed the wood stove. Jim figured there was always a way he could re-engineer and modify an item to fit his needs better. He spent many an hour at the local hardware store looking for just the right item. Nothing was better than playing poker with his grandchildren and taking their money, teaching them all how to bluff the hard way.

He built two homes with his wife in Auburn and Maple Valley along the Cedar River.

Jim was a gentle man whose positive attitude made a lasting impression on all

those who knew him.

Jim is survived by his wife Sharon (Hayett) Byrd of 58 years, two children Becky Byrd & Jay (Renee) Byrd, 5 grandchildren Elizabeth Byrd-Obritsch, Gwendolyn (Peter) Ellis, Michael (Samantha) Byrd, Kyle (Kelsey) Byrd, Jenna Byrd and 5 great grandchildren: Kane, Brooks, Blake, Cooper & Norah.

Services will be held Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 11:00 am at Kayser's Chapel of Memories, Moses Lake.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **12**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

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Renee Byrd - August 10, 2017 at 11:51 AM

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Renee Byrd - August 09, 2017 at 11:40 PM

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Renee Byrd - August 09, 2017 at 11:39 PM

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Renee Byrd - August 09, 2017 at 11:36 PM

RH

“ *I had the good fortune for approximately 69 years to have called Jim my best friend.*

We met at Hazel Valley grade school, on to Puget Sound Jr. High, then on to Highline Hi.

I, like Charles, felt the brotherly bond throughout all the years. I can only tell you about the good times we shared, if there were bad ones, they weren't worth remembering. Jim invited me to participate in his fishing and hunting activities which were all great times.

Jim and Sharon included our family to their family events, at times we were the only ones not family related. Thank you! Jim is a better place today, Jim will surely be missed by all !

Our thoughts are with you Sharon,Becky,Jay .

Russell Hughes - August 09, 2017 at 01:22 PM

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Becky Byrd - August 08, 2017 at 11:07 PM

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Becky Byrd - August 08, 2017 at 09:30 PM

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“ I am saddened to learn of Jim's passing. He was a kind and generous man who always made me feel welcomed and a member of his family. Very few people could tell a story like Jim...and did he ever have stories to tell. Whether it was his adventures in fishing and hunting, playing poker for hours with the family at the holidays (or any time for that matter), or just sitting around shooting the breeze, Jim was never at a loss for words...and that hearty laugh of his.

My sincerest condolences to Sharon, Becky, Jay and the entire Byrd family. While he is in a better place now, those who must go on without him will miss him so.

Blue Skies and Fair Winds, James Byrd. Until we meet again...

Owen Ashurst



Owen F Ashurst - August 08, 2017 at 11:46 AM

CB

“ Jim and I grew up together in the Seattle/Everett area, more like brothers than cousins, born 10 days apart. He was the 'older' one as I didn't arrive until Dec 10, 1938. I had to remind him of that sometimes! So many growing up stories that make me smile, and even some I wouldn't want the great grand kids to know about! We were known as 'good' boys, but certainly not perfect. We'll have much to laugh about on the other side some day. RIP my friend and cuz.

Charles Byrd

Charles Byrd - August 06, 2017 at 12:27 PM

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Becky Byrd - August 06, 2017 at 11:27 AM