



## Juan "John" Gamboa

December 27, 1938 - October 24, 2016

Juan "John" M Gamboa went home to be with our lord on Monday October 24th, 2016. He passed at home due to a long battle with cancer surrounded by his immediate family. In his battle of cancer, John said "the thing that has changed for me the most in the battle I am in is that I understand things a lot better, and I see life differently than before. I know the Lord is my strength, my family is my inspiration, and with that solid foundation of hope, I made that determination to simply take one day at a time."

John was born in Edinburg Texas to Gumicindo and Paula Gamboa. John was the eighth child of twelve siblings. He was a hard worker migrating from state to state with his family working the crops. The family settled in Sunnyside, Washington where he graduated in 1958. After graduation John joined the army, serving four years; two years active duty and two years of reserve. John then attended Moler Barber School in Yakima Washington, where he received his license. He moved to Moses Lake in 1964 where he joined his brother in the barbering business. Eventually his brother had retired from the business and John took over where he then barbered for fifty-two years. John's most incredible and rewarding accomplishments of his life are his marriage and his two children. In 1966 he met his wife to be Victoria Alamos. They were married in 1967 and celebrated their 49th anniversary this year, had two children Eric (Julia) Gamboa, and Marlo Gamboa. They are proud grandparents of four grandchildren Kirstin, Erica, Zachary, and Alicia. And four great-grandchildren Jadyynn, Anthony, Kingsley, and Dezmond.

John's passion was cutting hair, and he enjoyed visiting with each one of his customers that sat in his barber chair. He would always say that the customer who sits in his chair deserved his full attention. John enjoyed walking, golfing, and dancing with his lovely wife. He also enjoyed watching the Husky football games with his loving family. John was a very good person with an extremely big heart. He saw the good in others, and was loyal to those he knew.

John was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and four sisters.

The family would like to take this time to thank everyone for all of their continued love, support, prayers and to all of the wonderful stories and memories shared.

Holy Rosary will be prayed at 10:30 a.m., Monday, October 31, 2016 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 200 N. Dale Road followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m.

Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayser-schapel.com](http://www.kayser-schapel.com) Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory.

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT 31. 10:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Holy Rosary)  
200 North Dale Road  
Moses Lake, WA

## Service

OCT 31. 11:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Mass of Christian Burial)  
200 N. Dale Rd  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ I remember you calling me small roll when i shined shoes in your barber shop. And yelling out don't get polish on the socks, of course the polish was on there socks. RIP, John

Bruce Literal - June 25, 2022 at 09:44 AM

TS

“ Trevor Stutsman lit a candle in memory of Juan "John" Gamboa



Trevor Stutsman - November 02, 2016 at 04:30 AM

NQ

“ Condolences to Vicki Almos Gamboa and all the Gamboa Family we will shurly miss him, from Noe and Gloria Quintanilla, I remember Johnny and the Gamboa family from the time we lived in Corcoran, California in the mid fiftys, my dad Margarito decided to follow the Gamboa family to Washington state to find work and we ended up settling in Sunnyside WA in 1956. Rest in Peace Amigo, vaya con dios. I will miss my monthly haircuts.

Noe Quintanilla - October 31, 2016 at 11:43 AM

DN

“ Carol and I will miss you, JR and John have cut my hair since I was thirteen. That was back in 1955 when we moved from Idaho. John also cut Carol hair and loved it.  
Carol and Don Newton.

Donald Newton - October 29, 2016 at 03:40 PM



“ *Gina Gamboa lit a candle in memory of Juan "John" Gamboa*



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**Gina Gamboa** - October 29, 2016 at 01:22 PM

JS

“ *I was very to sadden to hear John had passed. We were friends and neighbor for years. I would come over to see him once in awhile on my way to football camp. I tried to see him at least once a year, but hadn't been to Moses Lake in awhile. He was a great man and lovely family man. I will miss our telephone conversation. My condolences to Vicki, Marlo, Eric and the entire Gamboa family. Your friend always  
Joe Miller Sr.*

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**joseph miller, sr** - October 28, 2016 at 03:20 PM

 Airm  
Bush

“ *I grew up going with my grandfather Marvin Pleinis to Gamboas to get our hair cut. I remember being on a booster seat while they would carry on about the good things in life. I remember going to see John when my grandpa passed and he was so glad to see him. May another good man R.I.P.*

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**Airm Bush** - October 28, 2016 at 02:54 PM

JL

“ *I was sadden by the news of John's passing. I've known him most of my life. In all those years, I never heard him say an unkind word about any one. My heartfelt condolences to John's family.*

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**Jeff Lingg** - October 28, 2016 at 09:23 AM

CG

“ *Carol (Jewell) Ganiere lit a candle in memory of Juan "John" Gamboa*



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**Carol (Jewell) Ganiere** - October 27, 2016 at 10:37 PM

AR

“ *My Uncle John was a great man who was my mother's younger brother. He always made us feel great about ourselves and had a great sense of humor. This is yet another big loss in the Gamboa family. He will be greatly missed by us all. Love you uncle John.*

*Love Adrian and Eloise Rodriguez*

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**Adrian Rodriguez** - October 27, 2016 at 08:53 PM

SO

“ *This was so sad to hear! John was such a great person with a big heart always had a smile on his face. He will be missed! My deepest heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time...sending Marlo especially, Eric and Vicki a hug!*



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**Susie O'Konek** - October 27, 2016 at 08:13 PM

KH

“ For 20 years neighbor, friend, and barber. Most important he was always a friend and was always a friend to everyone he met. We will miss him so very much.

We will always have our great memories of the Ironwood Drive block parties with him and Vicki.

Such a sad week for Ironwood Drive!!

Vicki remember we are just down the street and we are here for you

Karen Lewis/Ken Haisch

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Ken Haisch - October 27, 2016 at 06:34 PM

CF

“ For Vicki and Family,

All of us here at Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation were so very sorry to hear that John has passed away--he fought his battle with so much courage, and was such an inspiration to us all! I hope it is some comfort that he doesn't have to struggle or suffer anymore, but is at peace now. I know you will all miss him very much! We are keeping you in our thoughts & prayers!



Jean Copley  
Patient Services Coordinator  
Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation  
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Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation - October 27, 2016 at 05:33 PM

DO

“ Juan was phenomenal, a barber of the old times. He was always considerate and listened to the customers. When some one said they had a problem he often came up with good answers.

Some customers just came into his shop just to talk and be with such a considerate and caring man.

John the English version of his name is what many his customers referred to him as. I will always remember him and miss his friendship!

*M. Don Hughes*

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**DonH.** - October 27, 2016 at 11:17 AM

DD

“ Nearly 30 years I went to him for a haircut and a few laughs. Adios my friend, for now!

*Dave DeTrolio*

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**Dave DeTrolio** - October 26, 2016 at 06:43 PM

KJ

“ How sad. John was one of the good people. In all the years i new John he never spoke ill of anyone. I will miss him and our talks about right and wrong. My prayers are with his family and I know he will be missed by many of us in Moses Lake.

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**Kent Jones** - October 26, 2016 at 06:25 PM

DR

“ So sorry to hear this, Loved John & Vickie, I remember as a kid my Dad would take me to their Barber Shop, and him and Jr would have me laughing so hard, and years later John still had that great sense of humor, you will be missed my friend,  
Thoughts and Prayers to the Gamboa Family

Dale Roth - October 26, 2016 at 04:38 PM

AK

“ My thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Thinking of you.  
Angel Ledesma Kneedler  
Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation



Angel Kneedler - October 26, 2016 at 12:59 PM

BM

“ The Cavazos family has known the Gamboa family since we moved to Moses Lake in the 60's. We all used to go camping together, those were some of our fondest memories. I remember John and Vickie as very friendly, always laughing, and happy. Thankful we could share those memories with them all. My condolences to the family, much love, and many prayers in this difficult time.

Belinda Cavazos Michael - October 26, 2016 at 10:44 AM

KG

“ Many fond memories in my younger years when I worked next door and then when I had kids who needed haircuts. He was always so upbeat and kind. And I know he will be missed by many. My heartfelt prayers to his family.

Kim Hilderbrand Green - October 26, 2016 at 09:53 AM

 Angela Striefel

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gamboa family during this difficult time. I will always remember John and I'll miss him calling me Hopey just as Jr did too. I'm not sure I ever really found out why they all called me that. But when I asked Jr one time he said it was because they were hoping I was going to be a boy when my mom and dad found out they were expecting me. :) Such kidders! It sure made me sad to hear of his passing. Love and hugs to you all!

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**Angela Striefel** - October 26, 2016 at 12:07 AM

CH

“ Our most friendliest neighbor!!! Always a smile and a wave. God be with the family during this time. May you be surrounded with loving family and friends. You will be missed Mr. Gamboa. Ironwood Drive will not be the same without you!!!!

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**Carlos and Rumi Hernandez** - October 25, 2016 at 11:36 PM

TV

“ Hi to u Vicki and the rest of the family. I just wanted to send our condolences and sorrys for your loss of an great man. The memories we both have Tina and Tony Vasquez have of u both r some great ones. Tony remembers u John coming into leperon and setting in the deli and talking lots with him just making him laugh in which u he would tell him stories. I remember him coming into Safeway and saying how's Tina doing with his coffee and bagel or donut in his hands. An angel has entered into heaven in which we all r going to miss. May God help help u all in your times of grief along with both of us. We also remember just shaking your hands at church also.

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**Tina and Tony Vasquez** - October 25, 2016 at 11:25 PM



“ Michelle Buchmann lit a candle in memory of Juan "John" Gamboa



michelle Buchmann - October 25, 2016 at 11:24 PM



“ John, your smile, laughter, jokes and your kindness will always live within us and the kiddos. Until we meet again my friend. Our most deepest condolences to Vicki and the entire Gamboa familia. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God bless.

Cecilia Valencia - October 25, 2016 at 09:45 PM



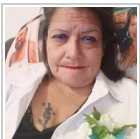
“ John, you were one of a kind! Your smile, jokes, and laughter and kindness will live within us and our kiddos. You will be missed my friend! Until we meet again. Our sincere condolences to Vicki and the entire Gamboa familia. God bless you all.

Cecilia & Custodio Valencia - October 25, 2016 at 09:40 PM



“ May God be with you and your family Vickie. My condolences.

Veronica Quintanilla - October 25, 2016 at 09:27 PM



“ my deepest Condolences to u and ur fami!y..may he rest in peace..So sorry for ur loss ....god bless u a!! 🙏🙏🙏

Lori Casarez - October 25, 2016 at 07:03 PM

AC

“ 36 years of hair cuts and good conversations. RIP my friend

Alan Coulter - October 25, 2016 at 06:02 PM

JL

“ Vicki, this is a hard one to write. Johnny was always such a great friend. It was such a shock to read this. May God comfort you and your family at this time. Bless you all, Joan and David Lobie. RIP dear friend.

Joan Lobie - October 25, 2016 at 07:18 AM

JR

“ Our deepest condolences goes out to Vicki and the family. John was a great friend with roots from our home town of Edinburg Texas. We always had something to share about the Edinburg Bobcats. We will truly miss you John. May you RIP

Jerry & Lupe de la Rosa - October 24, 2016 at 08:42 PM

LC

“ John was always so kind to us... Vicki please accept our condolences and prayers for his soul. We will be in Oregon until Nov. 1st. Know that you will all be in our thoughts and prayers...

Luis & Delores Carvalho

Luis & Delores Carvalho - October 24, 2016 at 07:34 PM

