



James Henry Duck

January 29, 1932 - September 1, 2015

James Henry “Doc” Duck
1932-2015

James H. “Doc” Duck, passed away peacefully on Tuesday September 1st, 2015, surrounded by family.

Jim was born to James and Bertha Duck on January 29, 1932, in Baltimore, MD. He spent most of his childhood fishing, crabbing, and swimming in the Chesapeake Bay. He attended St. Francis High School, graduating early. He then joined the U.S. Navy, and served as a medic in the Korean War from 1952-53. Before being deployed, he met the love of his life, Betty Lynn Pulver, at the roller skating rink in Baltimore. After dating for only three weeks, they knew they were destined to be together and became engaged. Three months later, they were married. Shortly after, he left to serve his country in Korea where he received a Purple Heart and was honorably discharged.

Jim and Betty had their first child, James L. Duck, in 1954, and in 1963 they moved out West to make their home in Wenatchee, WA. Jim became an EMT, and joined the medical department at Alcoa that same year, and worked there for over thirty years. They later adopted two daughters, Nancy Duck (Jefferson) 1967, and Cathy Duck (Roozen) in 1970.

Even though Jim worked rotating shifts throughout his career, he always made time for family. He never missed a sporting event, musical event, or anything else his children were involved in. In 1964, he became a certified Red Cross Instructor where he taught first aid in the Wenatchee Valley for many years.

Jim earned the title "Doc Duck" while volunteering as the trainer for the Wenatchee High School football team for nearly twenty years. Hours before his passing, he was notified he will be inducted into the Panther Hall of Fame this year, an honor that his family will cherish.

Jim loved to fish. Anywhere, anytime, with anyone who wanted to go with him. He loved their home on the lake, at 3-Lakes, and spent all of his spare time on the water. He was a devoted husband, dad, grandpa, great-grandpa, and a friend to everyone he met. We LOVE you dad, and will carry you in our hearts forever.

Jim is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty Lynn Duck; his children, Jim (Pam) Duck, Nancy (Ashley) Duck-Jefferson, Cathy (Adrian) Duck-Roozen; his grandchildren, Lauren Jagla, Liam Jefferson, Ruby Jefferson, Cassie and Colby Toll; and one great-grandson, Cash James Macres, who was named after him.

A service will be held at Jones & Jones~Betts Memorial Chapel on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online page book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **12.** 2:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James Henry Duck



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - September 11, 2015 at 10:40 AM

SB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Betty & family. We will always treasure his witty sense of humor & silly jokes. You could always see the love & passion that he had for his wife Betty as with his children, grandchildren and great grandchild. Jim was truly a blessing to many and will be missed. Peace and blessings to his family.

with love

Dwight & Sharon

sharon byer - September 12, 2015 at 10:02 AM

BH

“ Our thoughts are with Betty Lynn and all of Jim's family and friends at this difficult time. When we moved into the Three Lakes community over 14 years ago, Jim and Betty were one of the first neighbors to welcome us. Jim was truly a compassionate, hard working and caring person. May all the fond memories of him help his family through this time.

*With sincere sympathy,
Bob & Sue Hulet*

Bob Hulet - September 09, 2015 at 03:36 PM

CA

“ Betty and family ... I worked with Jim at Alcoa for many yearshe was a fine man and well liked. He will not be forgotten, I assure you. My condolences to you during this difficult time. Take comfort in knowing you will see him again.....

Carolyn Anderson

carolyn anderson - September 09, 2015 at 12:33 PM

LW

“ Dear lovely Duck family,
I'm so very sorry for the loss of the wonderful Jim. I hadn't seen him in many years but I remember what a genuinely sweet person he was. Letting all of us loud kids hang out at your house all the time had to have been annoying on occasion. :) And he was a shining example of a strong man not afraid to show emotion - every time I've been at a music concert watching my daughter I get choked up and always think of him doing the same watching Nancy. He was extra special and the world needs more people like him. Peace and love to you all in this difficult time.

Libby Wood - September 08, 2015 at 01:57 PM

BB

“ Jim was one of the hardest working, kindest men that I knew as a kid. He would work a full shift at Alcoa and then take time to be the trainer for the Panther football teams for decades. He always put others first and was a true gentleman. Sorry for your loss.

Brian Bofto - September 05, 2015 at 06:54 PM

RS

“ Dear Betty and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed working with Jim all those years at Alcoa. But he was never able to teach me how to sit at the desk with a book and look like I was reading and not asleep. He had that art perfected!
May God bless you at this time and give you comfort.
Reba (Bryant) Sipe

Reba Sipe - September 05, 2015 at 12:46 PM



“ I remember Jim from my time at ALCOA, he was a genuinely nice guy who cared about the people he worked with and was always quick with a smile or a joke.

Kelly McNair - September 05, 2015 at 09:42 AM

SB

What a beautiful tribute to Jim, what an amazing man. His love for his wife and family was nothing but per joy. His heart was filled with love not only for his family but for his many friends. Dwight and I are blessed and honored to say we've known the Duck family over 40 years. My heart aches as we say farewell to our dear Jim. His legacy will continue on with his family, grandchildren and great grandchild. And Bless his beautiful wife Miss Betty. Will sure miss his smile and witty jokes and sense of humor. May God comfort Jim's family & friends.

Sharon Byers - September 11, 2015 at 11:29 PM

LM

For many years Jim was the "official" volunteer chaplain for the Free Methodist Church Family, and I am sure anyone else who needed him. He visited and comforted untold numbers of people. Once he was with my husband and me before my surgery, and they wanted to take me back. He was not about to let them until he had prayed for me. Jim was a very dear man, and it was our privilege to be his friend. Our granddaughters will never forget getting yummy ice cream bars on a hot day after fishing in the lake. May God be your comfort and you experience life with your wonderful memories.

Ron and Lynne Mason

Lynne Mason - September 12, 2015 at 02:25 PM