



## James "Fletch" Fletcher

July 4, 1940 - August 4, 2024

James (Jim) E. Fletcher, Monitor passed away August 4th, 2024 in Cashmere Washington at the age of 84.

Jim was born to Elton and Lois (Carpenter) Fletcher on July 4, 1940. Jim grew up in Monitor, graduating from Cashmere High School in 1958. Jim went on to get both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Brigham Young University.

Jim's choice of social work as a profession reflected the values that guided his life. He retired from the Department of Social and Health Services with the State of Washington after after 40 years of service. He showed compassion, kindness, and generosity to those around him in both professional and personal situations. Jim often used these values to help others quietly, never seeking recognition for his acts. He made a difference in people's lives, and the world was a better place because of his presence.

Jim's intelligence led to a lifelong love of learning. His books were a source of wonder and wisdom to him. Someone once said that Jim could talk to anyone about anything often with a wicked sense of humor. His sister in law, Geri Fletcher once said that Jim could have been a stand up comedian.

Jim had some interesting experiences as he traveled through his lifetime. Jim was a very young boy when he decided that he could be just like Superman. Jim was proving this when he decided to fly off the roof, resulting in a broken arm.

Another notable experience was when he agreed to have his photo used in the state flyer system to recognize him as one of the state's longest social workers and to be used to recruit future social workers. Little did he know that his photo would later be featured on a billboard on busy Aurora Avenue in Seattle, Washington, for all to see.

Jim had many interests during his life. He was an avid genealogist, often making hilarious comments about the black sheep of his family. However, he was very proud of his ancestry, especially those ancestors who helped others.

Jim, in the tradition of his parents, also helped those in need, including many four legged creatures.

Jim's love will continue in the hearts of his family, his good friends and the many people who experienced his help and generosity. Jim's advice to all of us would be to "be kind and helpful to the person or creature next to you".

Jim is survived by his sister Marcia (Bob), Jacksonville, Florida; his sister in law Geri Fletcher, Santa Maria, California; niece Tracy Fletcher, Concord, California; Nephews Craig(Erika) Drain, Oregon; Tim (Sue) Fletcher, Tieton, Wa; and Brian(Julie) Wilson, Jacksonville Florida; Great Nieces, Grace Wilson, Missoula Montana, Tara Wilson, Jacksonville Florida and Alyssa(Alex) Gray, Jacksonville Florida.

Jim is survived by close friends who, over the years, became like family, as well as by all the lives he touched with his unwavering generosity.

Jim was preceded in death by his beloved parents and brother Donald E. Fletcher, who he now joins in eternal rest. Their guiding love and faith shaped his life, and he is at peace, reunited with them.

It is of much importance to note that Jim dearly loved his siblings, nieces, and nephews, cherishing the special bond he shared with each of them.

A celebration Of Life for Jim will held on September 7th, 2024 at 11:00 A.M. at the Wenatchee United Methodist Church. The address is 941 Washington Street, Wenatchee, WA. There will be a reception following the celebration of life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wenatchee Humane Society or a charity of your choice in honor of Jim's memory.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (PT)

Wenatchee First United Methodist  
941 Washington Street  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

# Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James "Fletch" Fletcher



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**Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home** - September 05, 2024 at 03:36 PM



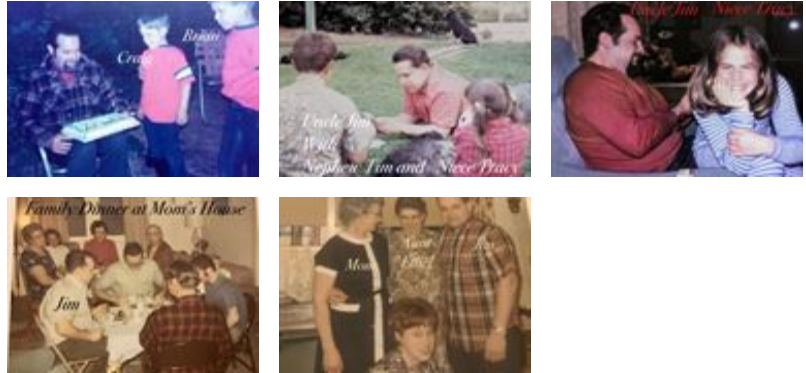
“ Uncle Jim will forever be in our hearts. We loved visiting him up in Wenatchee, and would often drive through Monitor and Cashmere just to visit where he and Don (Tim's dad) grew up and hung out as young men. The area up there is beautiful, as is Leavenworth where we would often continue onto after our visits. We were usually laughing during our entire visit, and loved him filling us in on his shenanigans with his siblings in their younger years. He was a kind, gentle soul and we miss him every day. See you on the other side Jim! Nephew Tim and Sue

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**Sue Fletcher** - November 21, 2024 at 03:48 PM



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Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - September 04, 2024 at 07:08 PM



“ Uncle Jim will be missed! We always loved our visits with him. He was always excited when we would just pop in. We are so blessed that we had such a caring, smart and funny uncle!



Erika Wilson - August 07, 2024 at 05:33 PM



What a lovely tribute. Your Uncle Jim took great delight in his nephews and niece. Thanks 🌹

Marcia Fletcher Wilson - August 08, 2024 at 10:22 AM



I used to work with your uncle at DSHS. He was a loving and caring person. Very smart and loved to share his knowledge. I bought a whole bunch of book from him just before he retired. So sorry for your loss. May God grant your family peace in your moment of grief. Blessings, Teresa Contreras

Teresa Contreras - August 15, 2024 at 03:57 PM

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*Jim and I were at a time very good friends. He was a coworker at the Department of Public Assistance who was the first person I really got to know. I had, it turned out, rented an old house not far from a brick upstairs apartment he resided in a short walk away. Jim was very well read, an intellectual with eclectic tastes, and a terrific sense of humor. I met his mother too, during my one year stay in Wenatchee, a very nice person and knowledgeable about local history. Jim's grandfather, I was told, made a living hauling goods to Wenatchee by Colockum Pass, a very challenging route, around the turn of the Twentieth Century. Jim and I once travelled to the Okanogan Reservation, I had a chance to do some unexpectedly wild horse riding, about which we laughed later. We shared an adventure traveling to the Santa Cruz California area about 1970, staying with his friends in a mountain cabin, and engaging in local sightseeing. Jim had a very wry sense of humor which probably passed over some peoples heads, while others would find him hilarious. About a dozen years ago I tracked him down, on a trip north from Las Vegas NV where we lived at the time. My wife and I had lunch with him at a restaurant on Wenatchee Avenue, about a dozen years ago. We recalled old times, and I regretted it had been so long since I had seen him last.*

*From the Music of India, to Paul Simon singing "Kodachrome", Jim's music interest seemed to have no bounds, he could be a fascinating guru or a very ordinary guy, depending on the audience. There was a sense of mystery about him, that didn't readily reveal itself. More than anything else, he was a true friend whom I will never forget, It saddens me to learn of his passing. Rest in Peace Jim.*

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**Eric Stefik** - August 26, 2025 at 11:33 AM