



James J. Hansen

March 28, 1949 - August 15, 2015

James “Joe” Hansen was born March 28 1949 in Madison South Dakota to Kenneth & Vivian Hansen. He was number 8 of 17 siblings. He was a proud veteran serving in the Air Force, Navy and Army National Guard. He served 2 tours in Vietnam and received honorable discharges from all 3 branches. He married Donna Neville on August 1, 1981 in Roswell, South Dakota and again on March 11 1982, because once wasn’t enough. They had 4 children: Amber, Becky, James Jr, & Casey. They moved a few times before settling in Rock Island, Washington in 1987.

Joe was a fixer of things. You name it he fixed it. He was always there to help out a friend in need if he could. It didn’t matter to him if you were a girl or a boy; you were going to know how to change the oil and the tire of that vehicle if you were going to drive it. He was a hard worker and who never complained of how hard he worked to provide for his family. He loved his family fiercely. His house was often full of laughter, unless you got between him and his race. When he retired he moved on to fun hobbies, like making moonshine. Towards the end of his journey with COPD he told everyone he met that if you can’t laugh at death, you will never love life. He had them laughing until the end. He has left an amazing legacy.

He is survived by his children: Amber (Brandon) Zones of Waterville, Rebecca VanGog of East Wenatchee, James Hansen Jr of Rock Island, & Casey

(Sierra) Hansen of Wenatchee. And his 7 grandchildren, Alyssa, Issabella, Katie, Harlie, Casie, Damieon & Wyatt(Little Joe Jr.) Throughout his life Joe collected people that needed family, most notably, Chassity Barber & James Barber of Wenatchee.

He is preceded in death by his parents, 3 brothers, his wife, Donna, and granddaughter Tianna.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com.

Arrangements are by Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James J. Hansen



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - August 19, 2015 at 03:35 PM

CR

That was a beautiful tribute.

Clarissa (C-Anne) Rosenow - August 19, 2015 at 07:06 PM

KH

Super duper job! Kenny & Earline

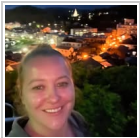
Ken Hansen - August 19, 2015 at 11:17 PM

KH

Great job. It was nice to see what a happy family man and a obvious proud father he was.

Kim and Lisa Hansen

Kim and Lisa Hansen - August 28, 2015 at 07:27 PM



“ Maggie Gravning lit a candle in memory of James J. Hansen



Maggie Gravning - August 21, 2015 at 03:01 PM

LM

“ *Lori And Bill Melaas lit a candle in memory of James J. Hansen*



Lori and Bill Melaas - August 21, 2015 at 07:14 AM

DE

“ *Dean sent a virtual gift in memory of James J. Hansen*



dean - August 20, 2015 at 08:33 PM

LM

“ *Always had something wise to say. You will be missed Joe.*



Lori and Bill Melaas - August 20, 2015 at 05:49 PM

SH

“ *Sierra Hansen lit a candle in memory of James J. Hansen*



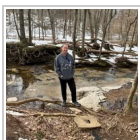
Sierra hansen - August 20, 2015 at 02:48 PM

NO

“ *Norma lit a candle in memory of James J. Hansen*



Norma - August 20, 2015 at 12:44 PM



“ *RoxAnne Gravning lit a candle in memory of James J. Hansen*



RoxAnne Gravning - August 20, 2015 at 09:33 AM

VI

“ *Vicki sent a virtual gift in memory of James J. Hansen*



Vicki - August 20, 2015 at 12:44 AM

Angie Smith

“ *Angie Smith lit a candle in memory of James J. Hansen*



Angie Smith - August 19, 2015 at 07:39 PM

Angie
Smith

“ I was in grade school, it was before Joe and Donna got married. Christy Hill and I made mud pies and gave them to Joe. He kept them in his truck, the yellow one with the really long antennae, they were still there when they moved to Washington. I think he may have even moved them when he got the blue truck.

Angie Smith - August 19, 2015 at 07:38 PM

CR

“ Uncle Joe was an amazing man. I have spent countless hours at his house over the years both in South Dakota and in WA. Add a single mom with a little boy whenever we came over he would make sure to do something boyish with him mostly cutting wood with an axe. Great fun for a little guy. I love and miss you a bunch.

Clarissa (C-Anne) Rosenow - August 19, 2015 at 06:55 PM

KO

“ Prayer



kathy ohler - August 19, 2015 at 05:34 PM

BL

“ Bill And Lori lit a candle in memory of James J. Hansen



Bill and Lori - August 19, 2015 at 05:00 PM