



Jimmy Ortiz

November 26, 1946 - January 4, 2022

James Ortiz, known to many as Jimmy, was born on November 26, 1946, in Los Angeles, California. He attended and graduated John Marshall High School in Los Angeles, CA. He received both an Associate of Arts and Associate of Science Degrees from Los Angeles Technical College majoring in welding and metallurgy. He continued as a welding contractor until his retirement in 2016.

Jimmy served in the US Marine Corp from 1965 through 1969. He served in many areas of the Corp, mainly welding, receiving commendations. He was proud of his service to his country.

He taught swimming and gymnastics at the YMCA in Glendale and Hollywood, California.

In 1990 he and his wife Sharon moved to Wenatchee where they had a small orchard then developed the property into a seven lot cul-de-sac off Cherry Street, named Rancho Ortiz, and built a home on one of the lots.

He served on many community projects such as the Jail Task Force, Habitat for Humanity and as a Deacon and choir member, formerly at Silverlake Presbyterian Church, in Los Angeles and at Saddlerock Presbyterian Church, Wenatchee.

Jimmy and Sharon loved to take motorcycle rides, play tennis, and dance. Jimmy was also an avid skier. He played the guitar most every day for his wife's enjoyment and for his own pleasure.

Jimmy never turned down a request for help. He was eager to help people

and to impart knowledge. He was a great friend and always had a smile on his face or a joke to tell. He will be missed.

He is survived by this wife, Sharon, of 34 years; son Jason Ortiz and wife Angella, granddaughters, Teanna and husband Elijah Nixon and Breanna all of Dayton Ohio; stepdaughter Theresa Donovan, grandson Daniel Ryan and wife Rachael, great-grandsons Julian and Finley all of Wenatchee; Grandson Christopher Mallaire of Phoenix, AZ; three brothers Richard Ortiz, Tom Ortiz, Salvador Ortiz and sister Monika Ortiz, all from Southern California.

He went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. A Memorial Service to be announced.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **26**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church
1400 S Miller
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tribute Wall

RP

“ Jimmy and I met in the 8th grade and have been life long friends. He always helped people and made everyday of his life count. I have enclosed pictures of Jimmy and Jason when we met up in Hawaii in June 1986, we went fishing on my cousins charter boat. He was family, he will be missed and never forgotten. God Bless you Jimmy...



Ron Parongao - January 18, 2022 at 05:48 PM

RP

“ Jimmy and I were best friends since we met in the 8th grade, we were brothers throughout our lives, he always helped people and made everyday of his life count. I included some pictures of Jimmy and Jason when we met up in Hawaii to go fishing on my cousins charter boat this was June 1986, he was part of our family. He will be missed and never forgotten, God Bless you Jimmy...



Ron Parongao - January 18, 2022 at 05:29 PM

LF

“ Cody and I are so very sorry to hear of Jimmy passing. He was always so alive, vibrant, and smiling. Loved having both of you dancing in Follies with us. Jimmy always made it so fun! Never saw him without a smile on his face. He will be missed. :-(Lynne & Cody Faulkner



Lynne Faulkner - January 14, 2022 at 04:29 PM

CD

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Carole Duttlinger - January 11, 2022 at 01:12 PM

CD

“ Jimmy and Sharon came to one of my dance classes in 2010, if I remember correctly. He quickly became an integral part of our dance community and a personal friend. He took me on motorcycle rides, went shopping with me at thrift stores, tried to help me learn how to play guitar and towed a uHaul trailer of my belongings from Wenatchee to Portland when I moved there. He was curious and knowledgeable about so many things and always positive, upbeat and helpful. Truly one of the most memorable people I have met in my life. He will be missed.

Carole Duttlinger - January 11, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ We were one of the first families to build a house in Rancho Ortiz! Jimmy and Sharon were ALWAYS so nice and helpful. Jimmy would plow the snow off our driveway with his tractor. That's just who he was- always willing to give his kindness. There are so many other things he helped us with as we were just young newlyweds starting out.

The Petri Family

Jim Petri - January 10, 2022 at 09:58 PM

SS

“ I have known Jimmy since 2010. He has always been a pleasure to be around, whenever I had the opportunity. I loved his high energy level, positive attitude, and sense of humor. He always made me smile. He will be missed.

My condolences to Sharon and the rest of his family.

Stanley Saylor



Stanley Saylor - January 10, 2022 at 02:42 PM

MH

“ Jimmy's infectious smile and laugh will be sorely missed. He was always so friendly and welcoming, I felt like I had known him for years even though it really was just a short time that I was blessed to know him and his lovely wife Sharon. May God bless you Sharon and provide you with peace knowing that in your heart Jimmy is alive and well and will never leave your side.

Hugs!
Maria Hansen

Maria Hansen - January 10, 2022 at 01:56 PM

DU

“ SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JIMMY'S PASSING. WE WILL MISS HIS HUMOR AND TALENTS DURING TENNIS AT THE WRAC.

DAVE URBAN

DAVID URBAN - January 10, 2022 at 01:33 PM

JG

“ Jimmy was just a good friend. We played guitar together (he taught, I listened and tried to copy), for more than a year, every week, rain or shine. It was the joy of my life. I will miss his humor, ideas, and energy. I was blessed to know him and share that time with him.

John Gill - January 09, 2022 at 04:30 PM

SL

“ *It is with true sorrow I write this note. We are both so sorry to see that Jimmy has left us... but happy for him that he is now with our lord, in his safe keeping.*



We met Jimmy at the WRAC playing tennis with the Prime Timers. What a character he was. He always had a smile and a joke to brighten your day. Those were fun times.

Sharon, our deepest sympathy and our prayers go out to you and your family. You have so many wonderful, fun memories of your years together. Let those memories sustain you as you deal with his absence from your days. May God's blessings be with you all.

Shirley and Ken Lewis

shirley lewis - January 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

CN

“ Sharon & Family,

Jimmy was the best neighbor anyone could wish for. Living right across the street, he was always wanting and willing to visit, laugh or especially lend a hand with a project or problem to solve. He had an uncanny way to figure out and problem solve any situation. His welding abilities and knowledge of different metals helped us in many things.

We were blessed to have such a friendship as we did with Jimmy. I remember seeing He and Sharon taking off on the motorcycle for a ride and not coming back for hours. From working, riding, fishing, skiing, dancing and gardening he was always active and generous with his time.

He served the country, community, church and neighbors.

He was truly God's servant.

Jimmy, we will miss you very much.

Curt & Pat Norton

Curt & Pat Norton - January 08, 2022 at 01:03 PM

ET

“ Dear Sharon and Family,

We have many fond memories of Jimmy that cover many years of our friendship. It all started when I was helping Jimmy at the new Habitat for Humanity building on South Mission Street.

From that point on our friendship grew. Jimmy became like a brother and of course he gave me a lot of valuable advise!

For many years we did a lot of skiing and some biking. We enjoyed each other's company and shared many common interests.

In recent years tennis was our most common thread. Jimmy did a wonderful job of coordinating the Prime Timers tennis program at the WRAC.

Our common faith in Jesus Christ shone in the life of Jimmy.

We are proud of our friendship in Jimmy and thankful for all he did in our community.

Sincerely,

Earl and Barbara

Earl Tilly - January 06, 2022 at 11:22 AM

DA

I enjoyed the company of Jimmy and Sharon through a community ballroom dance group in Wenatchee. He was a bundle of energy and enthusiasm! My favorite memory of him is the day the Eagles in Wenatchee had a Beatles Tribute concert and Jimmy danced for hours like a teenager. He told me he "became" a teenager enjoying the music that evening. I feel so sad today. I hope the wonderful memories of him sustain Sharon and the rest of the family for years to come.

Damaris Aragon

Damaris Aragon - January 10, 2022 at 02:16 PM

JO

A chance encounter with a friend of Jimmy's at cafe Mela began a years long friendship with my husband Aaron and I. Jimmy came bouncing up, introduced himself and hearing my husband was recently retired said he'd give Aaron a call to join the ROMEO's (retired old men who eat out). Soon after Aaron joined Jimmy in playing tennis, skiing and then both Sharon and Jimmy joined us in dance classes which resulted in many wonderful memories as they became like family to us. We've shared countless meals and celebrations in the many years since yet, Jimmy was so much more than a fun loving guy. He gave of himself to so many people whether friend or stranger. When my hubby became infirm he and Sharon brought me gourmet meals (he was a great cook) to the hospital. Afterwards, he helped us in so many ways large and small, often finding something to help me with that I wasn't even aware I needed. We will forever miss your smiling face dear friend. We've been blessed to have had you in our lives.

*Love,
Joanne & Aaron too*

joanne - January 10, 2022 at 04:15 PM