



Johnnie Lee Gooch

August 6, 1946 - January 11, 2026

Johnnie L. Gooch, 79, of Waterville, passed away on January 11, 2026 surrounded by his family.

He was born in Modesto, California on August 6, 1946 to Melvin and Ruby Gooch.

He spent his life finding the good in everyone. Never a complainer, always a rejoicer. His happiest times were with his kids and grandkids. His passion was fishing and hunting. He loved to garden and reap the bounty. His employment was as a laborer.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1971.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ida; two children, daughter Terina (Shawn) O'Kelly and son, Brian (Jena) Gooch; and two grandchildren, Hunter Gooch and Gemma Gooch, all of Waterville.

A funeral service will be held Friday, January 16th at 11:00 at the Federated Church in Waterville, 220 W. Ash St. Burial will follow at Waterville Cemetery.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements by Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Waterville Cemetery

218 East Elm
Waterville, WA 98858

Previous Events

Service

JAN 16. 11:00 AM (PT)

Waterville Federated Church
224 W Ash Street
Waterville, WA 98858

Tribute Wall

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“ *Amy lit a candle in memory of Johnnie Gooch* ”



Amy - January 15 at 07:26 PM