



## Samuel Gilbert Finley

June 9, 1942 - July 19, 2016

Samuel Gilbert Finley of Wenatchee passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2016.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com).

Arrangements are by Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I would like to express my condolences to Leticia, Derek and Tahscha as well as Sam’s sisters Laurane, Elaine and Glenna. Sam was my good friend. We were in the Navy together in the same duty assignment, Naval aviation aboard aircraft carriers. We were “green jersey” flight deck men servicing the bombing systems of the A3B Skywarrior. We worked hard, especially when off the Viet Nam coast, and Sam was very good at his job. You needed to be strong and smart and Sam was both. We also had some adventures together when the ship was in port. We roamed Hong Kong; Yokosuka, Japan; Kamakura, Japan; Olongapo, Philippines; Hawaii and had some memorable times. When back in the States at Whidbey Island we had the opportunity to visit Sam’s parents in Tonasket and some of Sam’s friends. I also met Sam’s sister in Seattle - I believe it was Laurane.

After the Navy I went back to New England and Sam stayed in Washington. One time Sam came out to the east coast and visited me at my college. He also met my parents in Boston and my future wife (now deceased) in Newport. I spoke with him on the phone from time to time especially when he was driving the truck. I seemed to miss him at the Navy reunions. Either he attended and I didn’t or vice versa. I would tell him that my new wife and I coming to the west coast to see him pretty soon, but never made the trip. It’s a commentary on how life goes by quickly.

I will always remember Sam as one of my close friends. I will miss him.

Tom Foley (foleytomfoley@aol.com)

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Tom Foley - August 03, 2016 at 11:56 AM

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“ Samuel G. Finley was born in Tonasket, Washington, on June 9, 1942 to Laurence Byron Finley and Ollie Elsie Allstot. He graduated from Tonasket High School and served in the US Navy, doing one year of duty during the Vietnam war. He married Leticia Magaña in 1967. Sam and Letti had a son, Derek of San Diego and Tahscha of East Wenatchee. He is survived by his children and three sisters, Laurane McGregor of East Wenatchee, Elaine Bell and Glenna of Wenatchee. He was preceded in death by his parents. You will be greatly missed.

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Leticia (Letti) Finley - July 28, 2016 at 02:37 PM