



Jim Baasch

August 29, 1938 - September 12, 2011

James A. "Jim" Baasch (73) longtime lower valley funeral director passed away in Toppenish on Monday September 12, 2011. Jim was born in Fargo, ND on August 29, 1938 to Josias J. and Helen S. (Hyslop) Baasch. The family moved to Wapato in 1946 and he graduated from Wapato High in 1957. He attended YVCC for two years and served in the U.S. Army from 1961-1964. Jim started his career in funeral service in 1956 at Merritt Funeral Home in Wapato. His career spanned over 50 years before retiring in 2011 from Colonial Funeral Home. He will be remembered for his passion for funeral service and the dedication he displayed to the families he served. He believed in the importance that funeral service held in our society. Jim was a member of the Wapato Community Presbyterian Church, Wapato American Legion since 1962, Yakama Warriors Association and past member of the Wapato Lions Club. He is survived by two brothers, Elvin M. "Manny" Baasch of Ellensburg and Marvin L. (Norma) Baasch of Goldendale; three sisters, Mary E. (John) Principe of San Juan Capistrano, CA, Audrey F. Orosco of Jump Off Joe, WA and Sharon A. (Ray) McGriff of Spokane and numerous nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Tom and Edward; three sisters, Dolores, Darlene and Gladys. Visitation will be held on Thursday September 15, 2011 from 2-6PM at Colonial Funeral Home. Graveside services will be on Friday at 11AM at Reservation Community Memorial Park west of Wapato. Friends may send condolences at www.toppenishfunerals.com. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15.** 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Jim Baasch*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *I have known Jim Baasch for many years. He is my granduncle he is my grandmother brother Gladys Jane CLARK Baasch.....was very surprised at his passing and how fast and how far the times have passed he will be missed.*



*Love Always,
Brenda P. Kim*

Brenda P. Kim - December 12, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ *My Family has known +Jim+ many years and has buried many Family members both on my Indian and Mexican Families.He was good at his job and will be Missed by many R*I*P*+Jim+from The Hernandez,Escajeda&Saiz Families from Seattle Wa formely of Wapato Wa###imported-begin##Angela Hernandez##imported-end##*

October 07, 2011 at 11:03 PM



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October 01, 2011 at 01:14 PM



“ My family and I would get to visit with Jim every so often during Memorial Day weekend - we would meet at the Legion. Time was short but we would fill every second catching up with family and life - always reminising, laughter and hugs. Jim possessed a gift - he gave all who knew him comfort, compassion, understanding and most of all his friendship and love. My deepest condolences to the family. He will be truly missed - but never forgotten.##imported-begin##Vicky Pimms##imported-end##

September 28, 2011 at 12:03 PM



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September 27, 2011 at 04:43 AM



“ A bit srrupised it seems to simple and yet useful.##imported-begin##Zeal##imported-end##

September 26, 2011 at 08:32 AM



“ You will be missed friend . God be with you##imported-begin##H Wayne Guckert##imported-end##

September 23, 2011 at 02:56 PM



“ we are so sadden to hear of Jim's passing everone will miss him very badly. Gerald and Janet Jefferys##imported-begin##Gerald and Janet Jefferys##imported-end##

September 20, 2011 at 10:40 AM



“ wanted to send my thoughts and prayers for all. Jim was so good to our family in the time of our sorrow.##imported-begin##Shirley (Ashby)Thiel##imported-end##

September 19, 2011 at 03:22 PM



“ We are sorry to hear the news of Jim passing. I could always count on him, especially the last few years to guide me with decisions regarding Jim and Lois. He just took charge and made everything right. He was a very special man and the town will not be the same. He knew everyone and everything and the visits were always a pleasant time of laughs and jokes as he made his rounds of Wapato. Monty has big shoes to fill, but I am sure Jim trained him well. We will miss you dear friend. The Hanson's##imported-begin##Bill, Karen, Michael and Rachel Hanson ##imported-end##

September 16, 2011 at 09:42 AM



“ We will miss Jim forever. When we moved to Las Vegas seven years ago, we took Jim with us. We checked in on each other at least every two to three weeks via telephone. We may have moved out of town but not out of each others hearts. We enjoyed every Christmas he spend with our family. Jim was such a good man, giving man, a true friend to us all. We will miss him forever. We love you, Jim. Rest in peace dear friend.##imported-begin##Roman & Vicki Barczyszyn##imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 10:28 PM



“ Like Jim did for so many of us and our families, we smile and say to him "Jim, it is wonderful to have known you and to have experienced your love and compassion, your ability to make us feel so much better knowing you would be the one person we trusted to help our loved ones, and the respect you always had for everyone that came in contact with you." You will be looking down on us, and I am sure, watching over us from Heaven as you did here on earth. God bless you, our precious friend. You will remain in our hearts until we all meet again.
Lydia and Richard Juarez###imported-begin###Lydia and Richard Juarez###imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 10:10 PM



“ The town of Wapato will not be the same without Jim's smiling, warm, personality. He touched many, many lives with his caring service to the community and families of several generations. We will personally miss him as a dear friend and neighbor who was always happy to stop and chat and joke. We all will miss him dearly.###imported-begin###Shannon and Ralph McConkey###imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 09:20 PM



“ My condolences to the family. My mom was a high school classmate of his and they remained friends until her passing nearly 5 years ago. He was highly respected by a lot of Yakama members because he was so sensitive to our culture and customs. May he rest in peace.###imported-begin###Shanna Tsumpti###imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 07:27 PM



“ My love and prayers are with you and your family Jim. You have always been such a special classmate and friend for oh so many years. I am so grateful that I was able to see you and talk to you on Sunday, God was truly guiding me to say by goodbye. May God bless you and your family and may you rest in Peace. My deepest sympathy to the Baasch Family. Diane##imported-begin##Diane Stump##imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 07:22 PM



“ I was saddened to hear from Mary that Jim had passed away. Jim was a kind and compassionate person with a friendly smile and a happy way about him. I'm sure he helped many people in the community during their times of loss with his dedication to his profession. May God bless and comfort your family at this time of loss.##imported-begin##Dottie (Petty) Nixon##imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 06:55 PM



“ I was pastor in Harrah for 25 years at the Harrah GBC. During those years Jim was a kind and compassionate helper during times of grief for countless members of our community. His remembrance of names and faces was phenomenal. He was a good friend and really did make the difference in being able to conduct an appropriate and honoring service for those who had passed away. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Pastor Chuck & Marilyn Winter##imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 05:53 PM



“ I'm so very sorry to hear about Jim - my heart broke. Jim was the type of person who's smile and personality made a person become a lifelong friend. I will miss the hugs and laughs we shared when we saw each other. My deepest condolences to the Baasch family - we've all lost a wonderful person. May God bless with you strength, comfort and love.##imported-begin##Nina Cordova##imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 05:50 PM



“ To my friend and classmate, We shall always miss, My prayers are with his family. Until we meet in Heaven I will always think about you.
You were so great with my family and made us always feel better in our time of need. Thank you Jim for being you. Kay Henderson McKail##imported-begin##Kay Henderson McKail##imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 03:57 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of this loss. James was so helpful to my family when his services were needed. He was so kind and always a gentleman. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Adrienne Craig Wilson##imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 02:54 PM



“ Sorry to hear about the passing of our Brother,who now becomes our Elder,because he goes before us. I have witnessed many times his compassion and concern for grieving families,which was great comfort to all of us. I hope his legacy will live on,not just for Native Americans,but for all who rely on services when our loved ones move on. As with all Veterans,he holds a high place in the hearts of all tribal people.Sorry I can't be there personally to bid him a happy journey. I can speak from my heart by saying " K'wathla Nu Shamush lichi ,Jim Baasch." Nye.-Yellowash.##imported-begin##davis washines##imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 02:02 PM



“ Jim was turley one of a kind and we will all miss him as he was there for so many of us in our most painful hour of need. He was the one we trusted most to help us bid farewell in this life to our loved ones that went on before us. Now he is one of our treasures in heaven to look forward to.##imported-begin##Paige Ashbrook-Woody##imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 11:54 AM



“ I was sad to hear of his passing, I didn't know him that well. I have attended funeral services and observed that he was right there for the family, relatives and friends. Always greeting everyone with a smile. That was always nice to see and I know he will be truly missed by all. My heart goes out to his family, relatives and friends.##imported-begin##Maggie S. James##imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 11:38 AM



“ Jim is the nicest man I have ever known. He had cared for so many. I have lots of respect for him. He had showed his respect to the traditional beliefs of my people. He will be missed and remembered. Thank you Jim for taking such good care of my family members who have passed on before you. Your parents, sisters, brothers, and all the people you showed great care are greeting you now in heaven with open arms, smiles and laughter. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Connie Stalcup##imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 11:20 AM



“ As I sit here to write this I think of Jim as a loving compassionate man. My husband and I lived in the Wapato area most of our lives before moving to Iowa. We would see Jim at friends and loved ones funeral services. He was the most kind man and always had a word of comfort and care. We think of Jim as a friend that made an impact on our life and will never be forgotten. Rest dear friend and rest somehow knowing how much you were loved. Love, Donnette and Jerry Olson##imported-begin##Jerry and Donnette Olson##imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 09:43 AM



“ Jim was one of those guy who always greeted you as if you were his best long-lost friend....and what an effusive, genuine guy he was. We will miss his smiling face in Wapato, for sure.....##imported-begin##Paul & Amy McDonald##imported-end##

September 15, 2011 at 01:14 AM



“ My friend & classmate Jim, Oh how badly you will be missed!!! You provided so much compassion & comfort as we had to say our goodbyes to our family members. May God be with your family in this time of sorrow. My love goes with you until the day we meet again. With all my love, Mary Jean [Bubbles]###imported-begin###Mary Jean Miller Brown###imported-end##

September 14, 2011 at 04:11 PM



“ We will miss Jim. I always enjoyed talking to him when he visited Mary. And hearing he and my dad compare “war stories” from their time in the Army (I can’t believe Germany is still standing after these two were there!), was quite interesting. And while my dog Gracye has stopped looking for him every time she goes to Mary’s, she still checks out the spot where Jim fed her nuts to see if he might have left her some! Mary, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this rough time.###imported-begin###KS Schumaker###imported-end##

September 14, 2011 at 01:11 PM



“ Just a note to express our sincere sympathy. Jim was special because he was so sensitive. While that gift made life a little more difficult for him it also made it far more rewarding. He made a difference in this life! Who of us can do more? His love of people and dedication to families experiencing life’s most challenging time was not only a blessing to Jim but his community, as well. We will miss him but more importantly his community will miss him. Our consolation is that Jim and Johnny Merritt are now together enjoying one another again. Warmest thoughts and prayers,
Joe & Kerry Merritt###imported-begin###Joe & Kerry Merritt###imported-end##

September 14, 2011 at 12:58 PM



“ Jim was such a wonderful person. He always cared about the indian community and respecting their beliefs. He was truly a great friend.##imported-begin##Jolena Tillequots##imported-end##

September 14, 2011 at 11:48 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Jim Floresca##imported-end##

September 14, 2011 at 10:30 AM



“ We will truly miss the "Oh My! Did he really say that?" type of humor that only Jim possessed! "We move forward, never backward" ...sometimes we just don't like it! We love you Jim.##imported-begin##Randy and Ky Peterson##imported-end##

September 14, 2011 at 01:24 AM



“ WE MISS OUR BUD!!!##imported-begin##Gene & Marcie (Shelton) Noble##imported-end##

September 14, 2011 at 12:06 AM