



## James Starr Jenks

October 18, 1938 - August 25, 2021

James Starr Jenks passed away on August 25, 2021 in Moraga, California. He was 82 years old. He was born on October 18, 1938 in Moscow, Idaho. He grew up in Moscow and earned a degree in Geological Engineering at the University of Idaho. After graduation he entered the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a Lieutenant, stationed in Germany. After leaving the Army, he earned a Master's degree in Water Resource Engineering from the University of California in Berkeley. Jim then worked for Leeds Hill and Jewett, Inc, a consulting firm specializing in Water Resources in San Francisco for 25 years. Later he was appointed as the Watermaster of the Santa Margarita River Watershed by the Federal District Court of Southern California where he served for 15 years.

In retirement, Jim enjoyed biking, gardening and spending time at his cabin on Coeur d'Alene Lake in Idaho.

He is survived by his son, James William Jenks of Coeur d'Alene Idaho, his daughter Jeanne Maree O'Connor of Lafayette, California, his grandson Alexander Jenks O'Connor of Spokane, Washington, his brother Ralph and his sister Ann. He was preceded in death by his wife Evelyn Alexandrina Slater Jenks.

A private memorial service will be held at the Chapel of the Chimes in Oakland, California.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jim’s Scottish family have many great memories:

- Jim and family’s many trips to Scotland
- the BBQ at the Byre in Kildare - thank goodness it had ventilation as it got a bit smokey - rushing to the store to get more provisions
- the show that Pamela and Sharon put on for the families - a bit “ham” said Jim 😊
- Rescuing Jim and family when his rental car broke down - Jim not happy with rental company 😡
- Jim trying out squash in Lanark
- Jim’s many trips to Halkirk in the North of Scotland
- lovely meals at the Popinjay, Cartland and Thainstone
- lovely walk to the East Aquhorthies Stone Circle in Inverurie, Scotland
- Craig and Jim playing miniature golf in the Bay Area
- visiting the giant red woods - Woh, they were huge
- visiting Alcatraz and Golden Gate Bridge
- dining out in San Francisco
- Neen and Betty’s trip to San Francisco
- Loraine and David’ Trip to San Francisco, staying in Jeanne’s apartment
- Ian’s visits to the Bay Area to see Jim during work visits to Davis.”
- and many, many more



*Ian Barrie, The Barrie’s, the Swan’s, the Paul’s, the Lees*

Ian Barrie - September 24, 2021 at 07:46 AM

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“ The last time I saw Uncle Jim was around 2008 when he and Uncle Buzz came to Alaska for fishing, sight seeing and to visit me in Wrangell. We enjoyed feasting on smoked salmon and sampling a variety of Alaska Brew Company beverages in an attempt to find the perfect pairing. I have many childhood memories of swimming, fishing and boating at “the lake” and from my child view, it was always more exciting when all of us were there together. I imagine the adults may have felt it was a little crazy to pack everyone into one little cabin, but as far as I was concerned, it was the best. My heart goes out to my cousins Jimmy and Jeanie, grandson Alex, companion Doris, Mom (Ann) and Uncle Buzz (Ralph) and everyone who is feeling the loss of Jim. I don’t know if there is an afterlife but if there is, I hope he is fishing for blue-backs with Grandpa and enjoying Grandma’s pie.

Cindy - September 09, 2021 at 09:49 PM

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“ *Jim was my best friend for 16 years and will be greatly missed. Fortunately he leaves many happy memories which will be with me, his family and friends forever.*

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**doris mitchell** - September 02, 2021 at 06:09 PM

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“ *Jim was a regular stimulating presence in my growing up years in Moscow, primarily through his friendship with brother Jerry '57. He will be missed. Not surprised some of his offspring returned to the lake he loved*

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**bill Moore** - August 30, 2021 at 05:35 PM