



James Monroe Bebee

July 3, 1937 - May 29, 2021

James Monroe Bebee, 83, of Bridgeport, WA went home to the LORD on May 29, 2021. He was born in Hamilton, Montana to Bethuel Bebee and June Monroe on July 3, 1937. Jim moved to Bridgeport in 1946, where he continued his education, graduating from Bridgeport High School in 1955. He spent 39 years as a carpenter with Local # 2205 in Wenatchee, until his retirement. His construction career included work on dams, warehouses, and a number of elementary and high schools in the Pacific Northwest. Early in his career, Jim spent a year working on construction projects in Los Angeles, with his younger brother Richard (Dick) Hayden. They returned to Bridgeport, and continued to work together, living next door to each other for 20 years.

On February 28, 1976, Jim Married Stella Toloy. Together the couple raised 5 children in Bridgeport, where they enjoyed many family gatherings and watching the kids play sports. Jim always planted a large garden and was famous for his tomatoes, but his 76 lb. watermelon and 19 lb. cantaloupe were the highlights of his gardening history.

Jim was a drummer in various country western bands, played music throughout his life, and enjoyed traveling to bluegrass festivals. He was an avid reader of western books, loved to watch the Mariners, and having coffee at the Parts store in Bridgeport. His true passion was woodworking; he enjoyed making rocking chairs for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

As an active member of Bethel Assembly of God Church in Bridgeport, WA, he enjoyed the worship and congregation. He had a great friendship with Frank Kennedy, of Bridgeport, and for the last 10 years, most Saturday mornings would find the two of them at Jim's house having a time of fellowship.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Stella Bebee, sisters Ruth (Thomas) Charlton of Plains, Mt; Joyce I. (Bobbey) Penney of Belton, MO; brother Tom R. (Brenda) Hayden of Blaine, WA; sons James (Janice) Clement of Gresham, OR; Tracy (Amanda) Bush of Grangeville, ID; daughter Charlene (Chris) Pfau of Tonasket, WA; Sons Syd Bebee of Spokane, WA; Les Bebee of Omak, WA; Joseph (Carie) Bebee of Vancouver, WA; Art (Marcie) Martinez of East Wenatchee, WA; 15 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jim is preceded in death by his mother and father, brothers Sydney Bebee 1923-1944, Robert (Bobby) Hayden 1947-1968, Richard (Dick) Hayden 1944-2002; sisters Anna Mae Powell, Betty J. Whitmore, and Jacqueline Phillips.

Jim will be greatly missed by his family and friends, and his smile will be remembered forever. There will be no services at this time.

If you are wanting to donate, the family has requested donations be made to Bridgeport Ambulance.

Tribute Wall



“ *James Monroe Bebee*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *Tina Canizal Marchand lit a candle in memory of James Monroe Bebee*



Tina Canizal Marchand - June 11, 2021 at 11:45 AM

“ My dearest and best friend in the autumn of our lives. Best cup of coffee you could find in Bridgeport came from Jim’s pot on a Saturday morning and some holiday’s too. No matter the topic, whether the history of Bridgeport or history of a particular blue grass band, Jim was a wealth of knowledge. He learned the carpentry trade from his step dad who was a hard task master, but at age 20 he became a journeyman carpenter. When you look at the architectural designs in the face of Grand Coulee Dam 3D Powerhouse, Jim was the Carpenter who read the prints and made the intricate cuts of many angles in the wood forms used to hold the poured concrete. In the summer we would sit on the screened back porch, drink coffee, watch the hummingbirds and the wrens nesting in the birdhouses he had made. His company was good company, but what made it extra special was the sharing of insights from scripture passages in the Bible. Jim was a man of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and what He did for us at Calvary by dying on the Cross for our sin. Not many things brought tears to his eyes, but when he reflected on Christ’s death for him, it would bring tears. He also introduced me to another man of great faith in Christ , Oswald Chambers whose wife Bidy captured Oswald’s messages verbatim in shorthand and later hand typed them into books and articles. One book from Chamber’s writing, a daily devotional called *My Utmost For His Highest*, was Jim’s favorite. We found this devotional to be a source of strength to our faith and Chamber’s writing always challenging us to keep looking to Christ and challenging us to follow Christ. Jim shared this book with many who were close to him. He was also an avid reader of Charles Haddon Spurgeon’s sermons from the late 1800’s. Many Saturdays Jim would give me a copy of Spurgeon’s Sermon he had read that week. The Christian fellowship we shared was most precious to me; more precious than any earthly treasure you could possess. We prayed for one another’s children by name and would lift them up before the Lord asking Him to draw them to Himself. His great desire was for his kids and grandkids to know, really know, this one true living God and Jesus Christ who died for them. To Stella I am eternally grateful for the invitation to join you and Jim at Church and for your hospitality of an

open door always with a cup of coffee as icing on the cake so to speak. Eye has not seen, nor earthly ear heard what God has in store for those who have obeyed God's call to receive and obey His Son Jesus Christ. Till we all meet in glory let us do what Jim often exhorted, keep looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. Love you dear sister in the Lord.

Frank Kennedy - June 10, 2021 at 02:12 PM