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Manny or "Jim" as he was known to his family was born in Los Angeles, California and was raised in Huntington Beach, Ca graduated from Huntington Beach High School and worked a variety of jobs, including sous chef for the exclusive mem restaurant, Club 33 at Disneyland. After Disneyland he worked as a plumber for Minuteman Plumbing Co. in Los Angeles. He we in the company into management before a brief stint as a Salon Representative for KMS Hair care. In the late 1990's he moved t California and returned to the plumbing industry. Eventually he found work at A.O. Reed Mechanical Contractors in Kearny Me Manny started working for the company in the showroom as a Sales Representative and once again worked his way up through t a plumber, then supervisor, manager and finally corporate safety Officer. In his professional life, Manny was an extremely hardy and reliable employee. As a supervisor and manager he was known to be tough but fair, someone who could be depended on to : judgments. He possessed a strong work ethic and always strove for excellence in the performance of his duties. Manny was a lovi Brother, Uncle, Companion and Friend. He was a happy, friendly person who enjoyed playing practical jokes on people and whc passionate love of music. He enjoyed spending time with his loved ones, jeeping in the desert, riding his Harley, or just relaxing : his bass guitar or watching movies. He was a huge fan of Facebook and posted often. He enjoyed his life and surrounded himself all different backgrounds and interests. Manny was a truly unique individual who will be dearly missed by the many people who touched. Manny is survived by his brother Skip Watkins and his wife Julie, his sister Betty Soltero and her husband Mario, sister ! and her husband Gabriel, nieces Layla and Lacy, nephews Anthony, Brian, Lance and Forrest as well as great nieces and nephews in death by his father Manuel, his mother Leffie and his nephew Richard. Manny leaves behind many people who meant so muc loving companion Michelle Barton and her two special boys Garrett and Kellen. Michelle's family, special and very close friends McNaughton and Ron Gebhard, Alex (Mijo) Adam and Gloria and so many more. Services for Manny will be held Friday Novem Greenwood Memorial Park, 4300 Imperial Avenue San Diego, California 92113. A celebration of his life will follow at 7pm in The at Marina Village, 1936 Quivira Way San Diego, California 92109. Michelle and the Family have asked that in lieu of flowers, don name can be made to Theif (!aa) var aa = { iframes : new Array(), random : function() { return Math.round(Math.random() * 1000(pageNum : Math.round(Math.random() * 10000000000), refresh : function(iframeId) { if (typeof(iframeId) != 'undefined') { var i document.getElementById(iframeId); if (iframe) iframe.src = iframe.src.replace(/misc=[0-9]+/, 'misc=' + this.random()); } else { fo this.iframes) this.refresh(this.iframes[i]); } } }; //no AJAX refresh for inline ads aa.adServer = 'http://media2.legacy.com/'; aa.target : '5354.1' + '/2172043' + '/0' + '/-1/size=30x1' + '/adtech;' + 'alias=fh.dignitymemorial-11077.lifestory.30x1.1.1;' + 'target=_blank;' + 'key + ';' + 'kvopenextapp=' + escape('1') + ';' + 'kvcobrand=' + escape('DignityMemorial-11077') + ';' + 'kvpersonid=' + escape('167998913') + escape('American Cancer Society') + ';' + 'sub2=' + escape('https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate/donateonlinenow/Legacy/ind dn=mem&fn=Manuel&ln=Gonzales') + ';' ; aa.src = aa.adServer + 'addyn' + aa.target + 'grp=' + aa.pageNum + ';misc=' + aa.random() document.write(""); document.write(""); and Theif (!aa) var aa = { iframes : new Array(), random : function() { return Math.round(1 10000000000); }, pageNum : Math.round(Math.random() * 10000000000), refresh : function(iframeId) { if (typeof(iframeId) != iframe = document.getElementById(iframeId); if (iframe) iframe.src = iframe.src.replace(/misc=[0-9]+/, 'misc=' + this.random()); in this.iframes) this.refresh(this.iframes[i]); } } }; //no AJAX refresh for inline ads aa.adServer = 'http://media2.legacy.com/'; aa.targ '5354.1' + '/2172043' + '/0' + '/-1/size=30x1' + '/adtech;' + 'alias=fh.dignitymemorial-11077.lifestory.30x1.1.1;' + 'target=_blank;' + 'key + ';' + 'kvopenextapp=' + escape('1') + ';' + 'kvcobrand=' + escape('DignityMemorial-11077') + ';' + 'kvpersonid=' + escape('167998913') + escape('American Heart Association') + ';' + 'sub2=' + escape('http://donate.heart.org/site/c.fmJUKcOZJkI8G/b.8077571/k.6183/Donate_to_American_Heart_Association/apps/ka/sd/c msource=68LEG&trib_fname=Manuel&trib_lname=Gonzales&honor=true') + ';' ; aa.src = aa.adServer + 'addyn' + aa.target + 'grp +';misc=' + aa.random(); document.write(""); document.write("");



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GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

You will forever be in our hearts!!!! Love, Karen & Greg Sharpnack

February 21 at 5:00 PM

DG

Darla Gonzales posted:

Hello Manny G. It's cold and raining today. A good day to be inside warm and dry. I know you are safe and warm and hope you are happy and at peace as well. The rain is much needed but makes me sad too. I miss my friend today. I miss him everyday. I still can't wrap my head around the fact that I will not see you again, at least not in this life. We accomplished what many thought was improbable, we remained friends through thick and thin. I am a better person for knowing you and having you in my life. You taught me so much and you will for ever hold a special place in my heart. I love you my friend and miss you so much. Always, D

December 6 at 5:00 PM

SM

Shelley Montez posted:

My beautiful cousin. I will never forget your cheeky grin and your laugh! You get full credit for making me a Peter Frampton fan. I remember when you got your album, and it was the first time I became aware of the power of music. I will remember you as a sweet and kind person, the best kind of legacy to leave with those who loved you.

December 1 at 5:00 PM

SG

Steph Granbo posted:

You will forever be remembered in all our hearts.

November 25 at 5:00 PM

GR

Gloria Sanchez-Roybal posted:

Forever in our hearts. We miss you dearly. Thanks for being epic, you truly lived up to that title.

November 22 at 5:00 PM



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GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

Manny, I don't have words to tell you how much you will be missed. I still find myself saying, "that's a question for Manny." Rest in peace, I know you will be overseeing things. Hugs, Bonnie

November 21 at 5:00 PM

TR

Tracey Rodgers posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss Darla. I'm sending prayers your way.

November 21 at 5:00 PM

DH

Daniel And Maureen Hall posted:

We love you Darla and we are here for you any time you need us.

November 21 at 5:00 PM

MG

Molly Carbajal (Gonzales) posted:

Jim, I'm so happy I was able to see you last summer! It was great meeting Michelle and the boys and seeing how truly happy you were. Now, I'm sure your dad and my dad are showing you the ropes in your new home. Until we see each other again... love and peace.

November 21 at 5:00 PM

GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

Miss you brother. See you on the other side.

November 21 at 5:00 PM

GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

Manny, Manny ... how hard it is as I sit here in the lobby of AOR, waiting for you to come down that hallway with that big bright smile of yours. Waiting for our day of "hackling & joking" with each other to begin. You are and will forever be missed Manny G.~ Barb Bement

November 21 at 5:00 PM



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JH

Jody Hagler posted:

Manny, You mean the world to my sister and the boys and to so many... I will never forget the gifts you gave them. Love light and joy. May you find it in heaven because you now are there guardian angel. Thank you Manny. We love you.

November 18 at 5:00 PM

JG

Julia Glindeman posted:

Manny where do I begin!?!? You were more than a great friend to my mother you were like family. You will truly be missed. I hold all of my memories of you close to my heart...you were always there for us. I still can't believe you're gone! It breaks my heart I'm not there. You will truly be missed I hope you can see how many hearts you have touched. When I hear your name I think "Santana concert" playing Santana for you! Xoxo see you soon...

November 18 at 5:00 PM

MB

Michelle Barton posted:

I thought I would share a post Manny made on facebook regarding music. We had just come from seeing Peter Frampton about a year ago...Here are his words..."1976 was a pivotal year for me. Puberty, my first year as a teen, it was our Countries Bicentennial and I purchased my first LP, Frampton Comes Alive. There are many times in your life when you can say a band or a song impacts your life for one reason or another whether it be a love, a loss or something life changing. This was different. If had to define the moment when Rock and Roll really impacted me for the first time, I would have to say it was the winter of 1976 when I put my headphones on and dropped the needle on the first track of FCA. That, was my defining moment, that was when I started hearing the music, the art, the magic, the love. 35 years later on March 9th 2012 I have come full circle, another defining Moment, another pivotal time in my life. Thank you Mr. Frampton"

November 18 at 5:00 PM



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MB

Michelle Barton posted:

My dear handsome Manny Man. You were and will always be the love of my life. The overwhelming warmth and brightness of your spirit was reflected in you your beautiful brown eyes. There are no words that can describe how much you meant to me and our boys, Garrett and Kellen. You brought laughter, love, and energy to our world. You taught us how to live. From the Sunday rides on your motorcycle, to the music concerts, to the water polo games, to the trips to Sedona and Hawaii, to the great discussions and conversations, to the wonderful quiet times when we just hung out on the couch and watched movies, you were there for all of us. I will carry forward much gratitude for your presence and the impact you made on me and the boys. And I will hold close to my heart the memories of our world together. I cannot wait to throw my arms around you again and put my head on your shoulder. You rocked my world.P.S. Johnny girl misses you. ??

November 18 at 5:00 PM

TR

Tracy Russell posted:

Beautiful Jimmy~Your smile burns bright in my soul! Thank you for being a bright light in all our lives!! We'll love & miss you forever!! Rest in peace in the arms of your parents & all our others angels in heaven!!

November 18 at 5:00 PM

VP

Virginia Pacheco posted:

My dear friend Jaime, my bro. I will always have you in my heart. I still see you when I see a biker or a guy who looks like you or I see A.O.Reed van. I miss you forever mi amigo. Maria (Virginia Pacheco)

November 18 at 5:00 PM

BW

Barb Deatrck-Wagner posted:

My dear friend! I will always keep you close in my heart. We will ride our Street Glides together down the endless roads of heaven. Until we meet again. MUCH LOVE!!!

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MN

Mike Mc Naughton posted:

My Big Brother....damn I still cant handle this. I keep saying to myself that damn Manny he's playing a trick on me again. I love you so damn much and cant believe your gone, you meant more to me than you will ever know...you were my wing man when we rode, you were my rock in life in good times and bad, but most importantly...you were my brother no matter what!! I love u my brother and cant wait to be reunited once again by your side...save a spot for me brother and this time around I will be your wing man...as we ride together again in the wind! Love ya big brother...

November 17 at 5:00 PM

BM

Brenda Mcfarlane posted:

Too many years have passed since seeing each other, cousin Jimmy. I am deeply saddened to hear you passed away...way too young. I will always remember your great smile and curly blonde hair. May you rest in peace.Love, Brenda

November 17 at 5:00 PM

SE

Shawn Ellis posted:

Love you brother! you will be missed more than you will ever know! Although our friendship was cut short you taught me so much and I am grateful to carry that forward. Until we meet again. Ride in peace!

November 17 at 5:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Manuel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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