



James Allen Barker

September 23, 1944 - May 4, 2013

Jim Barker of Harlan peacefully passed on May 4, 2013, at his home. His loving wife, Phyllis Carol Barker, was at his side.

Jim and Phyllis had spent the day with their daughter, Terra Lee Patton, laughing and enjoying each other's company, as the three of them had done throughout Jim's life.

Jim was born on Sept. 23, 1944, in Rose Lodge. After graduating from high school in Eddyville, Jim served six years in the U.S. Navy as a Navy Seabee. He proudly went on three tours of duty in Vietnam and was nominated for Navy NMCB SEVEN's Sailor of the Year Award in 1968 for his skills and abilities.

Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy he married Phyllis Carol Loveall and became a father to Terra Lee Seal.

Jim spent his working career in the Pacific Northwest as a heavy equipment operator. He was known as a tireless worker who would not quit until the job was done right. He made many friends working in the woods, and always was there to lend a hand.

Jim loved to spend time with his family when he wasn't working. Whether it

was listening to his daughter Terra sing, or spending time with his grandkids or helping family members, Jim always was there.

Jim is survived by his wife, Phyllis; daughter and son-in-law, Terra and Lance Patton, and their children, Ty and wife Rachel Patton, Spencer Patton and Chase Patton; his mother, Dolores Barker; sisters and their husbands Betty and Delbert Kessi, Beverly and Gene Hawe, and Margie Clark; and brother and wife Richard (Bud) and Charlene Barker. Jim has numerous nieces, nephews and other family members whom he loved very much.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Barker; and brother-in-law James Clark.

An open house celebration of life will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Carriage House on the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis. Family and friends are invited. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Paralyzed Veterans of America (pva.org) or the ALS Association (alsa.org).

Tribute Wall

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“ *Phyllis and family:*

Words can't express how sad I am for your loss. I remember how thrilled I was upon hearing that you and Jim had started your life together. I'm so very sorry that it had to end far too soon. Hang on tightly to your wonderful memories.

My memories of Jim are all from high school. He was one happy, kind, polite, fun guy. He lived by the golden rule of treating others how he would like to be treated. Although its been 50 years I can still see that beautiful smile and shining eyes.

I'll continue to pray that God will guide and comfort you through this extremely tough valley. Betty Blower

Betty Blower - May 12, 2013 at 07:49 PM

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Terra Patton - May 09, 2013 at 08:42 PM

VF

“ Dear Phyllis, Terra & family, We were sure sorry to hear about Jim. No words can express your sorrow I know. The Lyday, Wood, (Vicki) & Hazelton families would like to express our sincere sympathy to you and yours at this hard time. You are in our prayers and will be praying in faith that our Father in Heaven will comfort your hurting heart's. Trust Him, He loves you and will touch you as you look to Him in your time of need. We LOVE you and think of you all with much love always!
Love and prayer, Vicki & family King's Valley, OR

Vicki Lyday Wood & family - May 09, 2013 at 12:40 PM

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“ Tara, I am sorry to hear about your dad. My thoughts and prayers go out to you, your mom and your family.

Michelle Oglesbee

Michelle Oglesbee - May 09, 2013 at 12:15 AM

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“ Carol Krog lit a candle in memory of James Allen Barker



Carol Krog - May 08, 2013 at 01:21 PM

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“ *What a sweet guy! I went thru many years of school with Jim and never heard him say a mean or cross word to anyone. We graduated from Eddyville and Phyllis and Jim both said I was the only other woman that Jim had ever walked down the aisle with. I will miss him and my prayers and thoughts are with Phyllis and Tara. I know you will have his spirit to comfort you but it is a big hole he left.*

Carol Krog - May 08, 2013 at 01:19 PM

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“ *Dave and Lisa Ridgeway purchased the Sweet T enderness for the family of James Allen Barker.*



Dave and Lisa Ridgeway - May 07, 2013 at 05:37 PM