



James Lipke

April 17, 1950 - April 13, 2024

James "Jim" Lipke passed away peacefully on April 13, 2024 in Yreka. He was 73 years old.

Jim was born on April 17, 1950 in Oakland to Harry and Eloise Lipke. He spent most of his youth growing up in Forks of Salmon with his parents and siblings, Harry and Barbara.

At the age of 19, Jim joined the U.S. Air Force. He was proud to have served five years, including time serving in the Vietnam War. Following his time in the military, he spent over thirty years working for the U.S. Forest Service. From summers spent on wildfires to improving campgrounds, he loved getting to spend time outdoors.

In 1981, Jim married the love of his life, Susan "Suzi" Morgan. They made their home in Montague, then moved to Yreka in 1983. Together they had two children, Kristen and James (Jimmy). Kristen later married Jason Fleck, whom Jim loved as his second son. Jim was the most loving father, which was only exemplified when he became a grandparent to Colton, Carter and Kaycee. Nothing made him smile more than spending time with them...especially teaching them to ride a quad!

During his life, Jim volunteered for many organizations. He coached softball and baseball for his kids. He spent several years as a member of the Yreka Volunteer Fire Department. But as many know, his passion came with creating and leading the Siskiyou County Off-Road Riders (SCORR). He was not only the long-time president, but he was instrumental in developing and

maintaining the extensive trail system and two OHV parks in Siskiyou County. After retirement, he found joy in chasing grandchildren, watching his son race, and riding quads as much as possible.

At Jim's request, there will be no funeral. Please join us as we honor him with military honors on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 11:00 AM in the Veterans section at Evergreen Cemetery. A Celebration of his life will follow at The Wine Bar and Bistro in Yreka. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to Siskiyou County Off-Road Riders, P.O. Box 1925, Yreka, CA 96097 or Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097.

Tribute Wall

SP

“ Jim was always such a bright light and had such a kind soul. I will forever be grateful for the love and support he and Suzie showed my parents.

Stacy Pavao - May 10, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Jim was such a nice guy. Den enjoyed riding quads with him and sharing stories. We will miss him, his smile and cute little giggle. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim's family and friends. A good man gone to soon.

Denny & Dar Fleck

Dar Fleck - April 25, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My first meeting with Jim was on the Colstein fire in 1981. It was my first fire and I had no idea what to think. He was teamed up with his buddy in silviculture and they were running around all over trying to tame the beast of a fire. I was very impressed. He was always a pleasure to work with. My heart goes out to his family.

Mary Gausen - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ My sincere condolences to Jim's family. My memories from High School was that he was such a sweet and kind person.



Fran Meckler - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Prayers to you Suzy and family. I'm so sorry. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Stacey Whipple - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ RIP Jim.
My condolences to you Suzi. ❤️

Pat Connelly - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ So so sorry Suzi 😞 I am praying for you and the kids. ❤️

Lisa Casson - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ So sorry to hear this Suzi. Sending hugs, prayers, and love to all of you at this very difficult time.

Ruth Hurd - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Sooo sorry to hear about Jim's passing. Prayers to you & the family.

Mark Dean - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Susie I can't tell you how very sorry and surprised I was to hear of Jim's passing. Love and prayers for you and the family. Love you girl ❤️

Melody Hess - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Suzi and family, love and prayers for you all. Jim was a special person, funny, dedicated to family and had a heart of gold. He will be missed but will leave behind a legacy to be proud of!

Fear not....I see him sitting on a brand new " Cloud Runner" ATV BLASTING THROUGH THE CLOUDS, checking on friends and family the preceded him.

His dedication in developing ATV/ off road opportunities in Siskiyou county is a legacy to be proud of.

I will forever cherish memories of time spent exploring and developing trail opportunities and laughing about some of the situations we found ourselves in 😊

RIP Jim

Larry Castle - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Suzi, I am so very sorry for your loss. He was such a kind man. Sending you hugs and my very deepest condolences to you, your children and grandchildren. 🙏❤️

Jennifer Diane - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ With heartfelt condolences,

Fred Eastman - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ With our deepest condolences RIP Jim!!

Phil and Debbie Purser - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ He definitely was an amazing human being Ms. Mary ❤️

KimLen Perreira - April 24, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Suzi, I'm am so so sorry for your loss. My heart is truly broken for you and your wonderful family. ❤️💕💕💕💕

Carol Caddell Connolly - April 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Suzi and kids we are sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Gary remembers working with him at the USFS. We met him in Mt Shasta when he was instrumental in organizing donations after the Boles Fire. He had a heart for service. Love hugs to you Suzi. Our lasting friendship began in 1974 in Gazelle. You always bring me joy when we see each other. I will do my best to come to the service with love hugs. Praying for your family. Gary and Kathy Preszler

Gary And Kathy Preszler - April 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Suzi I'm so sorry. my sincere Condolences to you and the entire family. Jim was a great guy and what a sense of humor too. He will be missed 💔😭

Corey Middleton - April 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Suzi, I am holding you and your sweet family close in my heart.

Debbie Pulley Dillon - April 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ So sorry to hear this. My condolences to you Suzi & your family.
You are now in the club we never wanted to be in 😞

Janis Crawford - April 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ So sorry 😞

Bob Schultz - April 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for James Lipke - April 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Sending all of our love, remembering Jim for the great man he was.



Josh & Hannah Lipke - April 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Barbara Lipke Robbins Silvius ❤️❤️

Donna Kleaver Thompson - April 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Our sincerest condolences 🌸

Sharron Farrington - April 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ *Prayers and condolences to you Suzi and all of your family.*

Sheri Young - April 23, 2024 at 12:00 AM