



Jim Iskenderian

April 9, 1947 - January 31, 2015

It is with great sadness that the family of Jim “Jimmy” L. Iskenderian, Husband, Dad, Brother, Grandfather, and best friend to many, died on January 31, 2015 in Visalia, CA at the age of 67. Jimmy struggled with Multiple Myeloma in the past year and just wasn’t able to win the fight.

Jimmy was born on April 9, 1947 in Visalia, CA, to father Aram Iskenderian and mother Sylvia Torosian Iskenderian, who both predeceased him in death. He grew up with his brother John, along with many cousins. Jim graduated from Mt. Whitney High School in 1965 and attended C.O.S. In 1966 he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp. and served in Okinawa during the Vietnam War era.

After returning to Visalia in 1968 he began dating Carol Wright. Carol & Jim were married Nov. 29, 1969 and stayed in Visalia to start their life together, soon after raising a family.

Jim was always doing something that was funny. Whether it was embarrassing his family members, doing cartwheels, wrestling with the grandkids or telling stories with his friends down at the coffee shop, he always made life interesting. He was a hard worker, recently retiring from Southern Wine & Spirits as a Wholesale Liquor Salesman for 41 years. He was big on follow-through. If he borrowed something he made sure it was returned right after he used it. He was the best handy man for his family and friends and he could fix/build anything. He was a “tell it like it is” type of guy. He may have appeared macho at times, but he was just a big softy. For those who knew him

best they would describe him as the “best” type of guy with such a big heart and he was always willing to help anyone who asked him. He loved his family very much, as well as his friends.

Some of his favorite hobbies were restoring Honda mini-trail motorcycles, trap shooting, hunting, and spending time in Shaver Lake at the family cabin.

Jim is survived by his wife of 45 years, Carol and their two children, Ryan Iskenderian of Visalia and Alison Iskenderian of Aptos, CA, daughter-in-law, Julie Iskenderian of Visalia, and two wonderful grandchildren; Whitney Iskenderian and Ian Iskenderian, also of Visalia, as well as brother, John Iskenderian of Natchitoches, LA; wife Rosemary and three nieces, Amy Okie of Sugarland, TX, Sally Iskenderian of Natchitoches, LA and Stacy Iskenderian of Natchitoches, LA. He also has many cousins within the Iskenderian Family and Torosian Family of Visalia, Three Rivers, Turlock, Fresno, and Southern CA.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **15**. 12:00 PM (PT)

Lamp Litter Inn
3300 West Mineral King
Visalia, CA 93291
(559) 732-4511
<http://lampliter.net/>

Tribute Wall



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Salsler & Dillard Funeral Chapel - February 11, 2015 at 05:10 PM

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awesome whitney iskenderian - February 12, 2015 at 08:07 PM

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“ We are so sad to hear of this Carol for you and your family. Jimmy was a great friend and will be missed so many. Such great memories he has left with all of us that knew him and got to enjoy that great smile and laughter.

Lee & Debi Dudley

Lee Dudley - February 08, 2015 at 04:58 PM

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“ Papa you were such a funny guy with all those story's and pranks and we miss you but we know your not suffering.

awesome whitney iskenderian - February 07, 2015 at 10:52 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Jim Iskenderian.*



February 07, 2015 at 05:15 PM

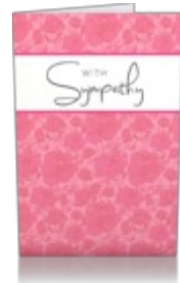


“ *There are so many funny memories of you and your family that I can reminisce. One continuing action is you jumping up and down in your second story bathroom with no shirt on and waving to me in my kitchen. Laugh, laugh!!! With God watching over Carol, Ryan, Julie, Allison and two grandchildren, life will go on with wonderful memories. May the Lord be with you now.*

Barbara Wasem - February 07, 2015 at 04:00 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Jim Iskenderian.*



February 05, 2015 at 12:26 PM

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“ *Carol and family,
We are so sorry about your loss, Jim was a great person and he will surely be missed by all who knew him. We were so used to him coming around and stopping by to say hi, that is going to be a big void for us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you go through this great loss.*

Gene and Helen Rue - February 05, 2015 at 09:55 AM

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“ *Dear Carol and Family,*

I am so sorry to hear about Jim, he was a great guy and will be missed by all who knew him. With my thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy,

Candy Kennemer

Candy Kennemer - February 04, 2015 at 09:05 PM

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“ *Carol and Family*

So sorry for your loss, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

David and Lisa Freselli

David Freselli - February 04, 2015 at 04:11 PM

JS

“ Jimmy, I am so sorry to see you go. It has always been an honor to have known and worked with you through the years! I feel blessed that I was able to see you last month at the store and meet your son, you looked great, with that wonderful happy face you have always kept! I know you will be welcomed in heaven, and be a great angel for your loved ones! Rest well friend!

Jill Swinson

Bogart & Lulu's

Jill Swinson - February 04, 2015 at 01:38 PM