



Marty Jay Jimmy

May 1, 1962 - August 18, 2021

Marty Jay Jimmy (Whel-Ka-Lith) was born in Odessa Washington on May 1, 1962 to Charlie and Christine. He grew up in his Nooksack Tribal Community with his little brothers and countless cousins on the Goshen Road.

Marty attended Mt. Baker Schools and during high school he met the love of his life Nadeen. After high school they married and raised five kids. Marty attended Bellingham tech to earn his machinist certificate. He worked at the BP Cherry Point refinery until he retired. He enjoyed his time serving on the fire team and the req club for several year. Marty shared countless stories about all his friends and work family over the years.

Marty had a couple names that his family used Marty Jay, Marty HarHar and Marty Jay Monkey Grip just to name a few. He loved being a Son, Brother, Husband and Dad. His number one favorite title was being a Grandpa He had 12 grandkids, but the list included many more. He loved each and every one of them with all his heart.

Marty's love for his family and community could be felt by all who were a part of it. He loved being involved and helping his people when called on. Marty was deeply loved by his Wife and Kids and will forever be missed.

Marty was preceded in death by his grandparents Sindick & Susan Jimmy,

and Stanford & Marge Solomon; mother Christine Cush; father Charlie Jimmy; stepmom Doreen Jimmy; sister Vanessa (Dosh); and brothers Steven & Danny.

Marty is survived by his wife Nadeen; children: Joal (Ruben), Marcia (Jerad), Marty Jr (Amber), Michael (Thrisa) & Christian; grandchildren: Rebecca, Lydia, Vanessa, Heaven, Syakah, Hanna, Natalie, Brayden, Faith, Ky, Jack and Elsie; brothers: Corey (Michelle), Duane (Jeanette), Bazil (Tammy), Sindick (Renee) and Herman (Karla).

A prayer service will be held on Friday, August 20, at 6:00pm. Funeral services will be Saturday, August 21, at 10:00am. Both services will be held at the Nooksack Community Building.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ When I think of Marty,
No when I think of dad.
I was the kid he chose. Dad accepted and understood me right
away. And I'll love him forever for that.
It began with rides in the Truck.
I'd jump up and volunteer to help with whatever job he had. And
he'd smile that big smile n buy us coffees. We always laughed and
talked. But foremost
as we would drive he gave me teachings,
At first I rolled my eyes but then slowly my eyes and ears opened,
And then it was my most treasured times.
Once he had to retire from BP he was in a strange place, and we
talked a lot about what he was gonna do.
I remember his passion when would tell me "those kids are my
treasure! I raised all of them and I'm gonna keep raising them up!
From Duane to Elsie I will make sure that my family stands up! I'm
gonna live every day for them."
I remember it because He said it so many times to me in last 3
years. He makes sure this teaching stuck and that my
responsibilities as a dad stuck.
Trips to the dump became bringing him an my kids to the park or the
creek where dad was raised. When we watched my boys grow
together in these private moments together he showed me how to
be a father.
The love my kids and him had for each other...every day was
special.
And now the only time I can cry is when I think of their loss of each
other.
I am blessed to have know this mighty spirit, grateful and honored to
have learned from him.
I wish I could take him and my kids to riverside park and have ice
cream. And just thank him one more time and see his smile and
hear his laugh.
So I'll pray, I have faith you can hear these words. I love u dad
thank you for being you!

Jerad Blacklock - November 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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RG

“ Grandpa,

You are the most loving, giving, amazing, and funniest grandpa in this whole world there is no one out there like you. I'm so lucky that I got to have you for 22 year but I sure do wish I got 22 more because it was not close to being long enough I don't think any amount of time with you is long enough. You taught me so much and I learned so much with you. You taught me how to swim and you were always the most fun toy in the pool surfing on your back is something I will always remember, you taught me how to drive on roberts road, and taught me how to butcher a fish over 100 times and every time you said "this is something you need to learn" and I learned after the first time but I let you re-teach me every time. The best time of my life was when I lived with you and grandma and it was the 3 of us. I got to see you every single day, eat dinner with you every night, have you cook us the best breakfast every morning, and watch movies with the two people I love the most and I will never ever forget how good it felt to be that close to you guys. I will forever love being the first person to ever call you grandpa and I'll never stop saying it I don't care if I'm bragging that's just how much I love you. It is so hard to be here without you and not hear your laugh but something that brings me some comfort to get through this is that I know our loved ones were waiting so long to see the most amazing man again. I'm certainly waiting for the day I get to hug you again and Vanessa, Lydia and I get to dance to our favorite song (shining star) with you just like we did our whole lives. You took a piece of my heart with you and I'm gonna miss you for the rest of my life. See you in my dreams grandpa please visit me when you can. I will be waiting patiently for your hugs and kisses. I love you so so much forever.

Until we meet again, your "shorty" Rebecca ☐

Rebecca Galindo - November 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Dad,

For the first 30 years of my life, I lived in severe and constant violence, abuse and neglect. I spent my childhood putting together pieces of a perfect family as I watched shows like Family Matters and Who's the Boss. As a young adult, I prayed for that family to become a reality as I did what I could to survive and protect my children. I prayed for them to know a happy, healthy family. Then, I met Michael. He was everything and more that I have ever prayed or dreamed of. When he brought me to meet you and the family, you didn't just welcome us in, you embraced us. You taught us. You healed us. You loved us. It became very clear very quickly the teachings that you and Nadeen had modeled and gave to all of your kids. You are the family that I had been praying for my entire life. When I moved back home, it was the hardest move I've ever made. You welcomed me into the family as if I was always a part of the family. From the moment you met the kids, you were the most amazing grandpa and welcomed them into your heart, home and family as if they were your own blood. You were an extraordinary person and your teachings, love, humble nature and kindness show up through all of your kids and your grand kids. I feel honored that I was able to know you. I am going to do all that I can to take care of Michael and support him as he passes those teachings onto our children and I'm going to love him and the kids with the same gentle fierceness that you loved us all with. I'm going to miss you more than I could ever begin to put into words. I love you so much, dad.

Thrisa

Thrisa Jimmy - November 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dad,

I am not sure where to start this is so permanent and unfair. I am angry, anxious, sick, sad, but ultimately, I am heartbroken for all of us.

Some of my first clear memories are with you and Mom meeting grandpa Chuck and all the rest of our family. You gave me a great life full of love and safety. Your family and community accepted us as one of the family and you taught me your culture for that I will be ever grateful

I loved that you taught me how to play softball and made sure to attend as many of my games as you could. I loved that we loved Star Wars together and will never forget when the 4th movie came out you were having anxiety that I was going to go into labor and ruin the movie for us....good thing we were able to watch the movie in full.

I will work hard to keep making you proud of me and my family. I will stand with my siblings and take care of my Mom and try to do as well as you did. I will tell your baby grandkids all about the awesome life I had with you.

Its been an honor growing up with you and I am sorry that our times together have come to an end. I love you with all my heart and soul Dad.

Fly High Dad and may the force always be with you.

Joal

Joal Galindo - October 15, 2021 at 12:00 AM