



## Robert Paul Janes

August 25, 1935 - February 10, 2018

Robert Paul “Jigger” Janes was born to Willard W. and Charlotte I. Janes on August 25, 1935 in Denver, Colorado. He was the second of their three children; he had a brother, Willard K. “Jimmy” Janes and a sister, Valerie Huchinson. Robert got the nickname “Jigger” even before he was born; his brother would point to his mom’s belly when she was visibly pregnant with Robert, and called that “Momma’s little Jigger.” He grew up in Idaho Springs, Colorado, where he married the love of his life, Janice N. Lane, in 1954, in Idaho Springs.

Robert graduated Idaho Springs High School in 1953, and did attend a semester of college but was unable to continue higher studies. He then enlisted in the US Navy in 1954, and received an honorable discharge in 1961. He began working for the US Forest Service in 1964, where he spent the rest of his working life, retiring after thirty-five years, beginning in the warehouse in Lakewood, Colorado, and culminating with him becoming District Ranger. His interests included fishing, classic cars and pickups, and boating.

Robert was a lifelong Episcopalian, and had a deep, personal faith. He was also a Mason.

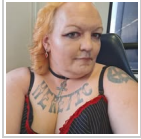
Robert is survived by his sister Valerie Huchinson of St. George, Utah,

his children, Robert Terry Janes of Evergreen, Colorado, Connie Lynn Hellmuth of Socorro, Texas, and Mark Kelso Janes of Guerneville, California, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom he deeply loved. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, and his wife.

The Family would like to thank Dixie Regional Medical Center of St. George, Utah, and every staff member who was involved in Robert's care; Jack Stoddard of Stay At Home Care, who was as much a friend as caregiver; and everyone who was a friend or supporter of his over the decades.

No formal services are planned at this time; his remains were cremated, and the family is planning a small memorial service and burial in Robert's longtime hometown of Idaho Springs, Colorado, sometime in the late spring, May or June.

# Tribute Wall



“ He was a great grandpa. I remember spending hours cleaning up his boat every year to take out on the lake.

Kylee Fraser - March 28, 2020 at 10:27 PM

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“ Jigger was more than my Uncle. He was a father to me. He believed in me when I felt that I had nobody else. He gave the best advice and he was always my shoulder to cry on. He always made me feel like I was the center of his universe even though I knew he made everyone feel like that. I KNOW that he is watching over me and that brings me peace. I love you Jigger, you are finally reunited with your precious Janice. RIP  
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Mollie Carman - February 22, 2018 at 08:05 PM

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I worked with Jigger on the Bighorn National Forest in the late 1980's. The Medicine Wheel Ranger District needed a new office. The current one at the time was a terrible location for the public to find with bad conditions for our employees. I was the Administrative Officer for the Forest. When Jigger arrived, so did his can-do attitude, knowledge, skill set and a refreshing optimism. He was deeply committed to the Forest Service mission. One year later our employees had better working conditions and the public more easily could find us. Jigger epitomized the best of what public service is. He drove all over the Rockies to the 15 National Forests usually with 9 offices each. Every forest had at least three offices in bad shape. The red tape he navigated to solve problems was something he could easily navigate. I grinned when I read that he made Ranger. No one could have been more grateful. But I bet the Regional Forester was happy to do it, as Jigger was the gold standard. Am happy to read that he was blessed with a long life and loving family. God bless him and his loved ones always. Lee Nightingale, Rolla, MO

Lee Nightingale - March 11, 2018 at 01:56 AM

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“ *This is a beautiful obituary. Jigger has a deep place in our hearts.  
He was a wonderful man and dear friend. Love, Ron & Linda*

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**Linda Marshall** - February 22, 2018 at 02:20 PM