



## Eugene Flaherty

March 31, 1953 - February 24, 2012

Jerry Flaherty passed away on February 24, 2012, after a brief battle with cancer.

He was born on the day before the fools, March 31, 1953, to Eugene J. and Alice (Titus) Flaherty in Wenatchee WA . Jerry attended school in E. Wenatchee, graduating from Eastmont High School in 1971. He also attended Wenatchee Valley College.

Jerry spent most of his life living in the Wenatchee Valley, except for the few wild winters he spent in that other valley - Sun Valley, Idaho. There he happily skied, worked, and lived in his van in true ski bum fashion.

Jerry worked for the Great Northern and Burlington Northern railroad until an injury forced him to retire in 1990. In retirement, Jerry enjoyed coffee with his buddies, first at Willie's and later at the Wild Card.

Jerry met Shelle Finch while they were both working for the railroad and they married on August 17, 1991. They became the proud parents of a son, Ian, nine months and two weeks later. Upon hearing how much Ian weighed, Jerry decided he was a keeper as he weighed the same as his largemouth bass mounted over our fireplace.

In 1999, Jerry, Shelle, and Ian began vacationing in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico,

and returned every year for two weeks in paradise with our Cabo family. While there, Jerry fished, and then happily gave his catch away to all our Cabo friends and family. Jerry loved to catch fish but refused to eat them.

Jerry loved the outdoors. He was an avid skier, fisherman, and hunter. One of his proudest memories was when he fished every day for an entire year. He enjoyed doing yard work and had the best looking lawn on the block. He fed his birds and grew the biggest tomatoes and peppers around, which he freely gave to his friends and family.

Jerry was a friend to everyone he met, going out of his way to help people whenever he could.

Jerry is survived by his wife Shelle Finch, his one and only son, Ian Flaherty; sisters Becky (Dick) Larsen, Olympia; Pat Petredis, Bellevue; Margie (John) Hallock, Monroe; Toni Tobin (Jim Cline) Sequim; brother-in-laws Tim Tobin, Mercer Island; Mark (Kendra) Finch, Plano, Tx ; Mike Finch, Minneapolis, Mn; Terry (Sandy) Finch, Chesapeake, VA; sister-in-law Nancy (Shawn ) Bevan, Sterling, Va, nieces and nephews Grant, Charlie, Stacey, Mariko, Scott, Delaney, Darcy, Dylan, Gabby, Garrett, Coleman, Kaylee, Katie, stepdaughter Jennifer Taylor, Lake Stevens, step-grandchildren Adam jr, Allison, Savannah, Chase, Grace, and Emma; Shelle's girls, the Camp F n F kids, and his Cabo family. Let me not forgot all the many ,and too numerous to mention, friends Jerry has made over the years. All of you have been a great source of comfort.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Gene and Alice Flaherty and his niece Kristen Larsen.

Please join us from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Sunday March 4th at the Eagles Lodge in Wenatchee to celebrate Jerry's life, tell stories and send him off in style with an Irish wake. Donations may be made the outdoor organization of your choice or in Jerry's name at any People's Bank. Arrangements assisted

by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA.

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# Tribute Wall

SG

“ My dear friends Shelle and Ian, It hurts thinking we won't see Jerry here in Cabo again. But he will always be in our hearts. Always remembering how much he really loved his vacation here. I think he really loved seeing the two of you loving being all together and having fun. Room 3309 . You know how much I loved seeing you all here. Him always trying to sneak behind me and scaring me. He loved that. I can hear him laughing at me. I especially will miss him walking around his resort. Villa del Palmar. God Bless him and the two of you. I shall have a beer Sunday in his HONOR. :-)

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**Sandy and Geoff Giles** - March 03, 2012 at 12:21 AM

PA

“ Jerry, Shelle & Ian would come up to Lake Chelan when our family was there each summer. The kids had so much fun especially with the inflatable Budweiser boat that Jerry brought.

*Pat*

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**Pat** - March 01, 2012 at 05:09 AM

LT

“ Jerry was a guy that in between classes remember between the main building and the choir room we would gather and tell terrible stuff and terrible jokes but Jerry always told a funny one and had a good reaction to all of our jokes, he will be missed.

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**Loye Turner** - February 29, 2012 at 01:06 PM

VH

“ Whenever I came to the house, the garage door would magically open to invite me in. There would be Jerry, welcoming me with a knowing grin and teasing me about whatever project Shelle and I were up to this time. I will really miss Jerry's friendly smile and sense of humor. My prayers are with Shelle and Ian for strength, peace and the blessing of wonderful memories.

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**Valerie Hampton** - February 29, 2012 at 01:38 AM

DF

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Jerry's family. I

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**Debbie Fulbright-Trotter** - February 29, 2012 at 01:28 AM

DF

“ I remember Jerry as being a fun, sensitive guy. Will always remember high school prom and dances at the Masonic Temple together. Warm thought and prayers to Jerry's family.

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**debbie fulbright-trotter** - February 28, 2012 at 10:51 PM

JF

“ I can remember when Jerry used to come to Nebraska during some summers to spend time with our grandparents and us cousins. He even came out and helped my brothers and I break down, carry and reconnect a couple quarter mile lengths of irrigation pipe for a farmer we used to work for. Had a great time in the mud! My best wishes to all of Jerry's family and our cousins for the loss of your father, husband and brother.  
Love, Jim

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**Jim Flaherty** - February 28, 2012 at 12:06 AM

GF

“ *Shelle, Ian and Cousins,  
Connie and I offer our prayers and thoughts for Jerry's loss.  
We share comfort in knowing Jerry is no longer suffering. We send  
thoughts of sympathy and support to you as you begin your journey  
without him.*

*Greg & Connie Flaherty*

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**Greg & Connie Flaherty** - February 26, 2012 at 12:34 PM