



Jimmie Joe Phipps

February 27, 1934 - April 10, 2026

Jimmie (Jim) J. Phipps, was born on February 27, 1934 to Mabel and Garnet (Red) Phipps in Coal Grove, Ohio. At an early age, Jim delivered newspapers to most of the town after school, despite the sometimes poor weather conditions. He was hardworking and very athletic, excelling in both baseball and football. He was very popular and well liked throughout the community.

Jim expanded his horizons by joining the U.S. Navy for 4 years. His aptitude for mechanically engineering earned him placement on aircraft carriers as a Plane Captain. This took him to numerous ports throughout the world, including Europe, Japan, and domestic bases in the U.S.

After his tour was complete, he returned home and soon met the love of his life, Eva Faye Pinkerman. Together, they built a loving home and family including the birth of 6 daughters: Cathy Burriss, Jo Linda Thompson, Deena Mello, Donna Phipps, Rebecca (Becky) Briones and Eva Jane Locke.

With his aviation knowledge, Jim rejoined the military in 1956, choosing the U.S. Air Force. He served for 23 years prior to retiring at Castle Air Force Base in Atwater, California. During his tour of duty, his assignments as an Engine Specialist and Instructor took him to many places, including Wright Patterson, Ohio; Woodbridge, England; Amarillo, Texas; Chanute, Illinois, Ramstein, Germany; Thailand, and Bellevue, Nebraska.

Upon retiring, Jim and his lovely wife of 67 years, Eva, moved to Medical Lake, Washington. He enjoyed the fellowship and opportunity to serve at Medical Lake Community Church for 25 years. Throughout his life, Jim was an avid golfer and labored to improve his score at every opportunity.

He was responsible, a hard worker, and had a keen sense of humor. Jim wholeheartedly loved his family, his church, and the Lord, Jesus Christ.

On April 10, 2026, he was reunited with Eva in heaven, together leaving behind a legacy of six daughters and their spouses, 10 grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. He was greatly respected and loved, and will be sorely missed by all.

Services will be held at Medical Lake Community Church at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Previous Events

Service

APR **22**. 3:00 PM (PT)

Medical Lake Community Church
203 N Washington St.
Medical Lake, WA 99022

Tribute Wall

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“ Joe, Tina and I are very sorry for your loss. Losing your grandpa is not easy - but his wisdom and legacy live on through you, Amy, and your boys. Our deepest condolences to you and your family.
Lee & Tina

Lee Karnes - April 22 at 10:48 AM