



IN MEMORIAM



Lion James “Jim” Welch

31 May 1944 – 5 July 2005

A memorial celebration for Lion James (Jim) Welch, 61, was held 2PM, 10 July 2005, at the J Bar J Country Church. Lion Jim passed away 5 July 2005. He was born in Long Beach, CA, 31 May 1944, to Raymond and Lillian Welch. He worked as a journeyman plumber under Southern California Plumbers & Pipe Fitters Union 582 for more than 20 years. He enlisted in the US Navy SeeBees in 1968 and served in Viet Nam.

Lion Jim married his wife, B.J., in July 1989. they moved Colorado Springs, CO, in 1993 where he worked as a plumber until they moved to Ruidoso in 1999. He established Welch Plumbing in 1999 and ran the business until 2003 when his illness prevented him from continuing the work he loved so much.

Lion Jim also enjoyed riding his Ultra Classic Harley around the Ruidoso area. He and his were members of the Ruidoso Valley Noon Lions Club. Lion Jim is survived by his wife, B. J. Welch of Ruidoso; sister of Pat Kair, Lakewood, CA; twin sister of Jean Poe, Nipoma, CA; son, David Welch of Colorado Springs, CO; daughters, Kathleen Wilson Peterborough of Ontario, Canada, Karen Todd of Orange, CA, Debra Oakland of Laguna Beach, CA, Trisha Swink of Ruidoso, Kara Know of Ruidoso, and Melba Fenwick of Amarillo, TX; ten grandchildren; and extended family and friends.

