Jake Parnell



Jake age 66 from Visalia Ca. passed away peacefully in Lakewood Colorado surrounded by his loved ones. Jake was raised in Visalia by his grandparents Henry and Myrtle Franklin.

Jake was an intelligent and a hard worker from a young age. In 1963, he had a paper route, this is where the "ask Andy" column caught his attention. In 1964 Jake was awarded the latest edition of The World Book Encyclopedias, out of more than 12 million readers of the ask Andy column in the United States and Canada, for his question for Andy.

From an early age Jake not only showed an interest but passion for building motors. At age 13 he built his own

go-kart, which he was very proud of. As he grew so did his motors, to classic cars to hot rods. He loved to fish and boy did he know how to fry them. Cooking was another one of his expertise. And you could always be sure there was never a dirty plate left on the table. Jake graduated from Mt.Whitney high school in 1973. In 1980, he graduated from the University Technical institute in Arizona. Jake moved to Atwood Kansas in 2005 where he pursed a new opportunity in his sister's family business. Vap construction and became their production draftsman.

Jake achieved many goals throughout his life. He was a proud father and grandfather. Jake and his love for rock n roll will forever hold a special place in our hearts. From his air guitar moves to his knowledge and most of all his fun and loving heart.

He is survived by his two daughters Chasity Adams Parnell, Kristy Parnell, and only son Jake Parnell. Eight grandchildren, Jessica Merrill, Michael Adams, Paul Freeman, Mikayla Chaney, Qambria Stevens, Dagen Stevens, Elijah Parnell, Krissidy Parnell. Three great-grandchildren. Brother Randy and Denise Young, sister Linda and Jeff Young Vap. Two nephews, two nieces, one great niece, and one great nephew. Jake will be missed dearly. Until we are together again, we love you dad.