



## Jim L. Pugh III

July 25, 1936 - April 11, 2021

Jim Pugh passed away on April 11, 2021 from heart failure. He spent 50 years in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. He graduated from Rivers High School and from the University of Florida. He enlisted in the Marine Reserve at 17 and after college he became a Marine pilot with the rank of Major. When he left the corps, he joined his father in the auto repair business in several locations in Charleston and Summerville, South Carolina. When his father retired Jim chose to move to San Francisco where two of his children had moved. He continued to work in the automobile business.

It was there that he met Gay Roche on a blind date and they remained together in San Francisco and eventually found Benicia where they have lived for the past 23 years.

Jim wrote a political column that appeared regularly in the Benicia Herald and on occasion in the Vallejo Times Herald. His selected columns were published in a book. He was a proud conservative.

He also wrote poetry. His poems were selected for four poetry anthologies. This is what he wrote of himself:

It would seem that I don't fit the acceptable concept of a poet. As a former Marine, as a pilot and one who has raced cars and motorcycles and played

team football at the age of 50. I don't appear as someone who would find the crafting of a poem a thrilling endeavor. But I do. I find the expression of words, a sincere emotion that is exciting for me and wonderful in my life.

He leaves his son Stephen Pugh (Ravee) Sausalito, daughter Pamella Inveen (Scott) Charleston, S.C., brother Kenneth, Charleston and grandchildren JiJi, Cooper, and Veronica. He also leaves his life partner Gay Roche. His parents Joe and Erlynne Pugh, son Danny and brother Richard Pugh predeceased him.

He will return home to his love of the creeks and marsh of the low country.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jim L. Pugh III*

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