



James Patrick Bennett

(01/20/1946 - 09/29/74)

From Tom Denhart:

Jim and his sister were both adopted to separate parents in Hawaii. Jim's adopted father was a navel officer who retired and was the Maintenance Facility Manager of the Mission Valley Mall when it opened in the 1960's. He later went to work in L.A. for the Tishman Co. and their many office buildings. Jim at the time of his passing was working from Montgomery Elevators, no doubt aided bu his dad, to learn a skill trade.

While we were Seniors, Jim was coughing up blood occasionally. After graduation he married Patty Carmichael from Helix and has two daughters together. Their first Gina Marie. (Not sure of the spelling for Jeana?) Jim sent e some letters when he first moved there with his parents and he worked at various jobs. I saw him a couple of times here in SD and he said his medical file was so think as he had been referred around to many doctors about his condition. The story is one morning he started coughing up blood and died in the living room of his house at the young age of 28.

Ed Pendergrass went to the funeral and knows more about Patty and their two daughters and their history.

Every time I would mention Jim's name, my mom would swoon, "he is a handsome young man". He was and most of all he was a good friend to so many of us who knew home. May he rest in peace in God's arms.