



## **JIM BANNER - Class of 1939**

Jim Banner was born in 1921 in La Verne, CA. His family moved to Bunkerville when he was 11. He graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1939.

After graduation, he began working as an apprentice carpenter. He listed in the Navy shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor and was honorably discharged in 1945. After 10 years working during the day and taking night classes, he earned a BA in business in 1967 from Nevada Southern University (now University of Nevada, Las Vegas).

From 1963 to 1967 he served on the Nevada Industrial Commission, which oversaw the state worker's compensation system. In 1967 he went to work for Clark County, first as personnel director, then as the county's first risk management director.

He served in the Nevada State Assembly from 1973 to 1989 and was a devoted grass-roots campaigner whose constituents often asked him to do small carpentry projects when he knocked on their doors. He left his mark on multiple pieces of key labor legislation, earning a reputation as a friend to the working man.

After his retirement from politics and work, Jim occupied himself with travel, working in his home carpentry shop and attending every UNLV football and basketball game. Jim died March 30, 2009 at the age of 87.

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