



Jim O'Brien

January 15, 1961 - December 7, 2023

Jim O'Brien, 62, of East Wenatchee, WA, passed away on December 7, 2023, after battling cancer for nearly 7 years. He was born on January 15, 1961, in Kittery, Maine. Jim was a loving husband, dad, papa, and friend. He had a quick and sarcastic wit; he was always ready with a spot-on comeback or nickname that perfectly fit. Jim had a deep love for the outdoors and was a master fisherman, hunter, and explorer. He was always up for an adventure, the earlier the better, especially if it meant getting to the good spots first. He had a lot of “good spots” some he would share and some he wouldn't divulge. Jim made lifelong friends through his outdoor pursuits, connecting with others who shared his passions.

Jim attended Peshastin Dryden Elementary School and PD High School, where he excelled in sports, participating in basketball, football and track. He attended Wenatchee Valley College, where he played football for the Wenatchee Valley Knights. He dedicated 40 plus years of his career to Alcoa Wenatchee Works.

In his free time, Jim enjoyed fishing, hunting, hiking, chasing his grandson & taking his dogs, Jake & Remi out in the field. He found a love for gardening in the last few years, and it became a sort of therapy for him while he was going through treatments. Rain or shine, sick or healthy, he was in his garden growing peppers, tomatoes, kohlrabi, watermelon and much more. Jim found

solace and joy in the great outdoors, pursuing his hobbies whenever he could and sharing them with his family and friends.

Jim is survived by his wife of 40 years, Brenda, who was his rock and constant support throughout his battle with cancer. They have been on many memorable trips around the world and camping adventures. He always said he wouldn't know what to do without her. His daughter, Nicole as well as his son, Joshua (Cori). He was blessed with two grandsons, Lucas James and Jameson Michael. Jim had four brothers, Aaron (Julie) Shawn (Kandi), Kelly (Janae) and Scott (Jaclyn). His sisters in law, Kim (Bruce), Shelly (Scott) and brother in law Don (Kelly) and mother in law, Cleo. Jim had many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Warren W. O'Brien and mother, Lorraine A. O'Brien.

Jim will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all those who had the pleasure of knowing him. May his memory live on through the stories and memories shared by those who loved him.

A Celebration of Life will be held on January 12th, 2024, at 11 am, at Faith Presbyterian Church in East Wenatchee. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Jim's name to:

The Orcas Island Youth Camp
c/o Wenatchee Valley Sportmens Association
Jim O'Brien Memorial
PO Box 762
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Alternatively, donations can be made to any other outdoor club of your choice. Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (PT)

Faith Presbyterian Church
200 S Kentucky Ave
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Tribute Wall

KZ

“ Jim and my Family go back along ways. PD kids, our Dad's were volunteer Fireman together for many years. Sharing in many firetruck rides, Santa arrivals at the Station and Ice cream social Bingo.. Lorraine, Jim's Mom was one of my Dad's Hyster Drivers for Blue Bird Warehouse in Peshastin. I had the pleasure of being a Cheerleader for several sport events cheering Jim on!!! Later on, we were both hired on around the same time at Alcoa...and set carbons together. Jim was an Amazing Man...My thoughts and Prayers go out to his Lovely Family during these darkened days.

Karen Filbeck Zacher - January 11, 2024 at 05:46 PM

GS

“ Jim was part of a wonderful family, and that transferred to him to be the dedicated husband, father, grandfather and uncle that he truly was. I knew Jim to be a good student in the classroom as well a good basketball player. We went to WSU's summer basketball camp under the leadership of George Raveling, me as a coach and Jim as a player. We wound up on different teams, but the travel to and from the camp was a time to get to know someone outside of school activities. Jim was able to spend a weekend in Endicott, WA with me and some friends, and he had a very successful hunting adventure. My condolences to Jim's family. RIP my friend, Glenn Smick

Glenn Smick - December 29, 2023 at 06:31 PM

LF

“ Jim was a great guy! Some of my memories of Jim were P-D Basketball. He had great springs and could get off the ground. Once he was out of High School we played basketball on the same team in the Cashmere Rec League for a few years. GOOD TIMES. Blessings on the Jim O'Brien Family.

Leland Fischer

Leland Fischer - December 20, 2023 at 07:20 PM

KT

“ Jim loved his family and friends greatly. We had wonderful trips to the Snake River and numerous camping adventures with Jim and Brenda to other locations chasing crappie, bass and catfish.

Countless hours in the duck blind and in the boats chasing bass and walleye were made more enjoyable because of Jim's quick wit and comradery. We were always giving each other a hard time when one or the other's patented "hot spot" was not so hot.

We will miss him greatly , but our lives were enhanced by his friendship . I know he is chasing big bass and finding the "hot Spots".

Kirk and Cynthia

Kirk Truscott - December 16, 2023 at 10:09 AM

GG

“ Jim was an incredible husband, dad, and outdoorsman. I have many fond memories of hiking, fishing and hunting with Jim and many lessons were passed down from him. He will be missed greatly!

Garrett Grant - December 15, 2023 at 03:38 PM

JC

“ Mike and I had so many great times with Jim & Brenda. He truly will be missed but I know he and Mike are having the time of their lives, hiking and fishing. My love and prayers go out to his family.

Judy Campbell - December 14, 2023 at 12:07 PM

MM

“ Dear O'Brien Family and Friends, My thoughts and prayers and with Jim's family and his friends. Jim was a kind and wonderful person and the world was a better place because of his presence. Deepest condolences, Melanie Millhorn

Melanie A Millhorn - December 12, 2023 at 11:06 PM