



James "Jim" Brandt

February 24, 1940 - February 17, 2017

James "Jim" Brandt was born February 24, 1940 to Charles and Grace Brandt in Burlington, Iowa. He passed away February 17, 2017 at home in Moses Lake surrounded by his family after a hard fought battle with cancer.

It is said that what really matters is what you did with your dash and Jim made the absolute most of the time he had here on this Earth. He graduated with a bachelors degree from Iowa State University in 1963 and made his career in the finance portion of agronomy. He married the love of his life, Charlene Mundt, on November 24, 1963 in Burlington, Iowa. In 1977 Jim and Charlene moved their family from Iowa to Moses Lake. Being an independent and determined provider, he built his home by hand with the help of the girls and many friends. Later in life he had to make some hard decisions and changed his work to truck driving. He retired from that but never truly "retired" as he always had projects.

Jim had a love of gardening, reading, dogs and tracking the weather. He especially loved tracking the weather on the mountain passes and anywhere his daughters were traveling. Jim enjoyed woodworking, building many things in the later years. Jim was always the fix-it man. His family was very important to him and he always made time for them. Jim showed his support in all activities that his daughters chose to do (sports, homework, band, college, career, and grandchildren). Jim always had a joke or a story to tell. His faith was very important to him; he was always an active member in all of the Lutheran churches in Illinois, Iowa, and Washington. Jim and Charlene were faithful members of Living Word Lutheran. His daughters will forever be grateful for the many lessons he taught and modeled through his life.

Jim is survived by his wife Charlene of 53 years, daughters and spouses Suzanne Vandeweghe (Mark), Jennifer Traufler (Bob), Judy Reed (Chris) and Amy Miller (Aaron), 8 grandchildren (Kayla, Kody, Zach, Jacob, Madison, Nathan, Dylan, and Owen) and 2 great grand children (Emma Lee and Harper), nephew Steve Johnson, niece Cindy Gregory, niece Lori Boyd and aunt Norm Pforts. He was preceded in death by his brother Howard, infant daughter Julie Ann, both parents and his sister Marjorie Johnson.

A celebration of life is planned for Friday, February 24 at 1 pm at Living Word Lutheran Church. Extended gratitude to Dr. Seth Pollack and team of Seattle Cancer Care Alliance

and Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation, especially to Jean and Angel for all their help navigating his cancer journey. Appreciation to friends and church family for all of the support provided in various fashions to Jim and Charlene. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to Columbia Basin Cancer Foundation.

Comments



“ Carol Ganiere lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Brandt



Carol Ganiere - February 20, 2017 at 11:49 PM



“ Patty and I have been blessed to be Jim and Charlene's "across the street" neighbors for almost 36 years. We raised our children together..... and have celebrated birthdays, weddings and anniversaries together. What wonderful neighbors they have been--- always looking out for us and extending a helping hand and words of encouragement whenever we needed it.

A recent example is when Jim noticed I was struggling to repair a basketball hoop for my grandchildren to enjoy. In no time, and without being asked, Jim came across the street with ladder and tools and fixed it virtually single-handedly. Boy, was he my hero that day! And I always enjoyed shoveling driveways together when the snowstorms came in the winter. Back when Jim was driving semi's for a living, I was eager to hear his stories of his adventures navigating treacherous highways (especially the mountain passes) as he worked hard to support his family. Faith and family have always been priorities for Jim and Charlene and what a testimony it has been to see their precious family rally around them as both have battled serious illness. Jim was a devoted husband to his beloved wife Charlene and a dedicated father to his daughters.

We are praying for Charlene and the Brandt family...for strength and abiding peace in this most difficult of times. We are giving thanks that God placed Jim and Charlene and their family in our lives--we have been so blessed by them.

Rick and Patty Honsowetz

Rick and Patty Honsowetz - February 20, 2017 at 07:29 PM



“ Donna Anderson lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Brandt



Donna Anderson - February 20, 2017 at 03:58 PM



“ Dear Charlene & Family,

I was so very sorry to hear that Jim has passed away...He fought his battle with so much courage and determination, and was such an inspiration to us all! He was such a kind man, and I know you will all miss him very much! I hope it is some comfort to you that now he doesn't have to struggle or suffer anymore, but is at peace. We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers!

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Jean Copley - February 20, 2017 at 02:42 PM



“ Marti Haug lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Brandt



Marti Haug - February 19, 2017 at 05:17 PM



“ Wendy And Lane lit a candle in memory of James "Jim" Brandt



Wendy and Lane - February 18, 2017 at 09:43 PM



“ Jim was always fun to be with when Cindy and I were small. He showed us how to use a thing called a calculator back in 1968. Always remember his big laughs! He could make the best cookies out of cake mix. I remember his Indian motorcycle and being in their wedding as the ring bearer in 1963. He is with the Lord now and with Grandma and my mom also ! Praise God!

steve johnson - February 18, 2017 at 08:51 PM



“ Jim was my mom's (Marjorie Brandt Johnson) beloved brother. Marge passed in June 2014 in the town where they grew up-Burlington, IA. Marge had many great stories and memories of her and Jim growing up. Jim and his family moved from the Burlington area to Moses Lake when I was young, but I do have many good memories of Jim. Especially memories of dinners at Grace's house. Lots of people, food, conversation and love. As a child, Jim always seemed such a big guy! But so fun and caring, like a big teddy bear. I will remember his laugh and love. Rest in peace, Jim, and enjoy the reunion of you and your loved ones who passed before you. I am sure there is a huge table with lots of people, food, conversation and love-just in heaven now! Love Lori Johnson Boyd

Lori Boyd - February 18, 2017 at 08:06 PM