

James Randall "Jim" Weaver (1930-2009)



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James "Jim" Randall Weaver was born in Chillicothe, Illinois on May 31, 1930. He passed away Feb. 11, 2009. During his childhood he liked to spend summer vacations working at local farms and later on enjoyed creating vegetable gardens, mushroom hunting and picking wild berries near his home in Oregon.

Jim graduated from Barstow High School in 1948 where he was the state pole-vaulting champion and co-captain of the football team. He was stationed in North Carolina

while serving honorably in the U.S. Army Airborne. Jim enjoyed an active lifestyle as craftsman, skydiver, cowboy, water skier and outdoorsman. Married in September 1950 to Mary Jeanne Harlan, Jim and Mary raised a loving family, and were devoted to one another for 58 years. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by traveling to Alaska for a rustic fishing trip.

Jim could play the harmonica and encouraged his children and grandchildren to play an instrument, good naturedly putting up with all of their attempts. The radio station of his pick-up truck was always tuned to old-time country music.

Professionally Jim worked as a contractor, carpenter and house framer for 60 years, building homes and small commercial structures in Illinois, Oregon and California. He donated his time and expertise as a builder to local churches, schools and the American Legion. Jim believed in hard work and the integrity of a job well done, and he endeavored to pass those values along to his family and those who worked with him.

Preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Geneva Weaver; and brother, Darrell Weaver of Barstow. Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Weaver of Yermo; sister, Patti Leatherby of Mabank, Texas; sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Joe Coulter of Atascadero, sister and brother-in-law, Micky and Louis Pond of Vallejo, sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Richard Mayes of Barstow; sister-in-law, Irene Weaver of Barstow; brother, Byron Weaver of Barstow; daughter, Jean Robinson; daughter and son-in-law, Lizabeth Weaver and Joe Fairchild, and daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Kit Johnson; grandchildren Curt Hausotter, Krista Flocchini and Barrett Johnson; and five beautiful great-granddaughters, the latter all living in Oregon.

Mary Weaver and her daughters wish to extend their appreciation to the many kind friends and family who touched Jim's life and supported him during his recent battle with cancer.

A family memorial service will be held in Oregon.

Arrangements entrusted to Horizon Memorial Services of Barstow, 252-5222.

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