



James Leroy Reed

April 15, 1949 - June 2, 2024

James Leroy Reed was born on April 15, 1949 in Corvallis, Oregon to James and Betty Reed. Known as Jim to his friends and Leroy to his family, he grew up in Corvallis as the oldest of four children. He attended Garfield Elementary School and Highland View Middle School, and after the family moved to Albany he completed 8th grade at Memorial Middle School. He graduated from Albany Union High School in 1968, where he participated in Football and Track.

After graduation, Jim enlisted in the United States Navy, and served on the USS Dupont DD-941 from 1969-1972. The Navy allowed him to see part of the world (and take many photos of the sunset), including the Caribbean, and the Mediterranean. It also took him to Boston, Massachusetts where he met Barbara Faragher, the love of his life. They were married on June 24, 1972 in Wollaston, Massachusetts, and resided in Quincy, Massachusetts after Jim received an honorable discharge from the Navy. There he worked at Data Printer in Cambridge.

While still in Massachusetts, Jim and Barb welcomed their first child, Andrea (Andi). A few months later they moved across the country, back to Albany, Oregon where he worked at Evanite Hardboard in Corvallis until it closed. Jim and Barb purchased a home in Corvallis a few months after the cross-country move, and brought home their second child, Jennifer (Jen). As his girls grew

up, Jim taught them how to camp and fish, and attended all of their activities. He especially enjoyed attending their sporting events. Family was most important to him and he instilled that belief in his daughters.

The highlight of his life was when he became Papa to his four grandchildren. He spent their younger years reading them stories, building legos, playing games with them, and being an ever-ready audience for their stories and jokes. As they got older, he was in the front row of their sporting events, music concerts and 4-H shows. He was there supporting them as often as he could, and was so incredibly proud of them. And in return, they adored their Papa.

Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. He rooted for his Boston teams, and loved a good car or horse race on TV. He loved his dogs and watching the birds in the yard. And he especially loved spending time with his family.

Jim passed away on June 2, 2024 after a year-long illness. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara of Corvallis, and his daughters: Andrea Reed Foley of Sweet Home and Jennifer (Shannon) Reed of Depoe Bay. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Caden Foley, Finnian Reed, Devyn Foley and Erynn Foley; his mother, Betty Reed of Lebanon, his sister, Marie (Matt) Blanshan of Lebanon, brothers Ronald Reed of Albany and Daniel Reed of Sun River, sister-in-law Judy (Scott) Babish of Fuquay Varina, NC, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind his beloved poodle mix, Daisy. He was preceded in death by his father, James Reed, and parents-in-law, Ivy Faragher, George Faragher and Harriet Faragher.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Central Coast Soccer Association in Newport Oregon, Linn County 4-H in Albany, Oregon, or a charity of your choice. Jim's family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the nurses, CNAs, doctors and others who cared for Jim at Good Samaritan Hospital and the Corvallis Manor over the past year. The kindness, care, and

love Jim received was of great comfort.

There will be a memorial service at 11am on Friday, June 14 at McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis. A coffee-hour reception will follow.

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.McHenryFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 14. 11:00 AM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home
206 NW 5th St.
Corvallis, OR

A coffee-hour reception will follow the service.

Tribute Wall

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“ Growing up and visiting my extended family in Massachusetts, I met Jim when I was all of 13 and saw this really skinny guy in a navy uniform walking with my favorite cousin Barbara. Even 53 years later, I can remember how easy it was to get to know him as we played catch on Royal Street in Quincy, and I had the great honor of being part of their wedding. Fast forward almost thirty years and our paths crossed again in Oregon. I was now married and with one son and the second one born in Oregon. The only family we had within 3000 miles were the Reed family and they sure made things welcome for us. My mother-in-law came out for the birth of our child, and we spent a great afternoon sitting in their driveway in Corvallis eating elk and having a blast. Jim was always welcoming and easy going with us. We shared the Navy (retired helo pilot here, camping/fishing (Boy scouts for me) and a love of family and sports. Fair winds and following seas shipmate. You are relieved and we have the watch.

Bruce Angell - June 11, 2024 at 06:19 PM

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“ My brother Leroy and myself served on the USS Dupont DD 941 I served with him for 18 months aboard the USS DuPont DD 941 we spent time in the Mediterranean the Caribbean especially at Guantanamo Bay Cuba for our shakedown training it was an honor for us to be together on a destroyer because they had cut back when the Sullivan Brothers had died on their ship they had stopped it we're not sure if this was really a mistake or what we did but we did serve a board to DuPont my brother was a fire control technician and I was known as a ship fitter or Hall technician I remember the first time I went aboard the DuPont that's where I met my brother we call Keith Karsten our brother and I remember when we started out to see I happen to be walking around getting acquainted to the shipmates and there was my brother and four others out back hanging over the side getting seasick LOL I asked Leroy what was wrong I asked him are you okay and he goes yeah I'm just a little stomach problems with the out at Sea here I told him you're not supposed to get sick out here Leroy hey I'll just turned around and laughed at me but I never did get seasick another thing regardless we're all Brothers when it comes to the service and I'll never forget the times I got to spend with my brother and I on the USS Dupont DD 941 went to Athens Greece Spain France all over and get more big Guantanamo Bay Cuba we were brothers in arms we also like to go fishing and hunting enjoyed it with Dad he taught us all how to hunt and fish but then in the latter years after Dad passed lero and I went hunting quite a bit we enjoyed it. But anyway in closing I'd like to say Leroy's in heaven now he's healed by the Lord Jesus he's able to walk talk I will always miss him we were closer than other people think we were he's my brother in arms is my brother just family and all and he will rest in peace for sure now. Rest in peace Leroy brother Ron. 🇺🇸: 1:🔨🇺🇸

Ronald Reed - June 10, 2024 at 11:09 PM

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Ron although it's been most 8 months since Leroy passed a d just want to say I am so sorry. I just founded out that your dad and Leroy passed away.

Prayers for you and your family for strength and peace.

Ruthann Workman Luke

Ruthann Luke - January 23, 2025 at 03:46 PM