



James Southwick

May 12, 1930 - November 20, 2010

James Southwick, 80 died Saturday at his home in Corvallis after a six month courageous battle with cancer. Born May 12, 1930 in Clarkston, Washington; he was the son of Ray and Sallie Southwick. Jim spent his early childhood in Southwick, Idaho and moved to Kellogg, Idaho where he graduated from high school. He loved all sports and excelled in basketball. Jim was well-loved by his friends from Kellogg, and attended all of his high school reunions, until ill-health kept him from attending this year. Even though he was unable to attend, he appreciated receiving numerous greetings from his former classmates. Jim served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was employed as a Meat Market Manager at the Corvallis Safeway store for 33 years and retired in 1990. In his leisure time, he enjoyed fly fishing and flower gardening. He was an avid outdoorsman who had a genuine love of all animals, nature and the solitude of hiking in the woods. He enjoyed raising horses and was a member of the Benton County Posse for several years. Jim will be remembered as a loving and honorable man; always willing to lend a hand and one to whom his family and friends could ask for sound advice. Family was the most important thing in life to him. His family described him as “the best husband and father,” and “kind beyond belief.”

Jim was preceded in death by his parents Ray and Sallie Southwick; sister Loretta “Tiny” Bean and brother Darl “Doc” Southwick. Jim is survived by his wife of 34 years, Susan Southwick; five children: daughter and son in law Kathy and Gaylord Richey; daughter Sue Kohnle; daughter and son in law

Debbie and George VanKeulen; daughter and son in law Andrea and David MacManiman; son and daughter in law David and Teresa Fordham; 11 grandchildren Sheri Snuffer, Nicole Lewis, Kristin Lewis, Katie Kohnle, Cassie VanKeulen, Erik VanKeulen, Melissa MacManiman, Jason MacManiman, Dustin Hurley, Ryan Fordham and Kayla Fordham; two great grand daughters Emma and Kiley Snuffer; niece Connie Lehtola and two nephews, Mike Biotti and John Biotti.

Private family services will be held. Memorial donations in Jim's name may be directed to the Heartland Humane Society or SafeHaven Humane Society in care of McHenry Funeral Home 206 NW 5th St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I want to send my condolences to you for the loss of Jim. I always enjoyed him and his horses at the Posse functions. I know he will be missed in your daily lives, but he is in a peaceful place now. My thoughts are with you at this time in your lives Judy

Judy (Rutland) Simons - November 29, 2010 at 04:32 PM

GA

“ Dear Dad: You provided me with 42 years of wonderful memories that will be with me the rest of my life. I first met you in 1968 when I started dating your daughter Kathy. From the time I met you I new I had met one amazing man and a friend for life. In 1970 I became part of your family when I married your daughter. From that time forward I considered you to be my dad. We did a lot of things together, fishing, hunting, talking, working with your horses, cattle and what ever needed to be done around your property. One of my most favorite memories was when the two of us went on a week long fishing trip in central and eastern Oregon. I always enjoyed going to all the horse shows and parades. Most of all I enjoyed my time spent with you. You were always there when I needed great advise and support. Thank you for your unconditional love. I miss you but I want you to know your always in my thoughts and that special place in my heart. I miss and love you so very much, Gaylord

Gaylord - November 24, 2010 at 11:11 PM

KA

“ Dear Dad: Thank you so much for being such a wonderful father providing me with a lifetime of love, guidance, and countless special memories. You will be missed and cherished more than you will ever know. Rest in peace, Dad, and know that I will think of you each day with much love. All My Love, Kathy.

Dear Sue: Thank you so much for providing so much love and happiness to Dad over the years. You made his life complete.

Thank you also for taking such good care of Dad and making his last few months as easy as possible on him. Please know that I love you and value your friendship so much and will be here for you as you learn to live life without the love of your life. All My Love, Kathy

Kathy - November 24, 2010 at 06:27 PM

BK

“ Dear Sue and Family,

I have such fond memories of all of the family gatherings we had with Jim and you. The first one was in Idaho were I could get to know Jim in his element. Jim was always very kind to me and I will always have very fond memories of our times together.

You are in my thoughts and prayers and know I am always here for you if you need anything!

Love,

Bob Kohnle

Bob Kohnle - November 24, 2010 at 04:34 PM

SS

“ Of the numerous wonderful memories I have of my Gramps, what I’ll always remember was his great warm smile and love that always greeted us. He’d always say, “Come here you big lug,” as he leaned in for a hug. He helped teach me the importance and meaning of family. Something I will carry with me always, instill in his great-grandchildren and pass on to generations to come. The many amazing memories will be with us always. We love and miss you more than words can say! All Our Love – Brandon, Sheri, Emma & Kiley

Sheri Snuffer - November 24, 2010 at 01:32 PM

SS

“ Of the numerous wonderful memories of my grandfather over the years I’ll never forget his warm smile and embrace every time he greeted me. Telling me “You Big Lug.” He helped to show me the true meaning of family which will always be a part of me and something we instill in his great-grandchildren and generations to come. Your memories will live with us constantly, we love and miss you more than words can say!!! Brandon, Sheri, Emma & Kiley

Sheri Snuffer - November 24, 2010 at 01:05 PM

KA

“ One of my favorite memories of Gramps is whenever I went to visit he would make hotdogs wrapped up in white bread with “fake” cheese for lunch for us. He was the most kind and loving man I was fortunate enough to call my grandfather. He will be deeply missed and forever loved by everyone who knew him. I love you Gramps, and everytime I eat a hotdog I will always miss the way you used to make them.

Katie - November 24, 2010 at 01:45 AM

RW

“ Sue and Family,
You have been in our thoughts and prayers so much this week. Jim was such a wonderful man and will be truly missed. That vibrant smile would light any room up and anyone that was ever around Jim soon found out that he was one of the most friendly people they would come in contact with. We are so happy that we got to know him through Dave. We hope that you find comfort in knowing what a wonderful impression he left on everyone. We love you all.

Rodney, Jodie Bree and Morgan Wyatt - November 23, 2010 at 10:02 PM

DA

“ Dear Dad, Thanks for all the great memories, lessons, and talks. You will live on in my heart and soul forever. I will always cherish every minute of every day, I was fortunate enough to share with you. Thanks for being my best friend throughout the years, and for being the Dad you didn't have to be. Love you always, Dave

Dave - November 23, 2010 at 08:21 PM