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Jim D. McDonald passed away peacefully on March 8, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family and friends. He was 92 years old.

Jim was born in Wichita, Kansas to Marie and Roy McDonald. In 1935, during the Dust Bowl, the family moved west to Oregon, eventually settling in Corvallis in 1937—the community that would remain Jim’s home for the rest of his life. He graduated from Corvallis High School in 1951 and cherished the lifelong friendships he formed there.

After high school, Jim married Doryce Dufur, and together they raised their three children: Karin, Jim, and Nancy. He spent 35 years working for Pioneer Telephone Company, building a career defined by dedication, reliability, and a strong work ethic.

A lifelong sports and outdoors enthusiast, Jim was an active high school football player. He was invited to represent his school at a statewide football game sponsored by the Shriners and was recruited to play college football. Throughout his life, he enjoyed fishing and hunting, and in retirement he embraced biking, skiing, and genealogy with equal enthusiasm. Jim skied in seven different states and traveled extensively to research family history—work that culminated in three books documenting different branches of his family’s genealogy.

Even into his 90s, Jim remained independent, curious, and eager to explore.

He loved traveling around Oregon with friends, taking in the sights, sharing stories, and enjoying good company.

Jim is survived by his three children—Karin, Jim, and Nancy—along with five grandsons and two great-granddaughters, all of whom carry forward his legacy of resilience, humor, and deep appreciation for family.

Arrangements are being made through McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis.

Jim will be interred at Crystal Lake Cemetery alongside his wife of 72 years, Doryce. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.