



Bruno and Jonell Tosi

December 8, 1941 - July 20, 2024

Bruno Tosi

2/26/1941 to 7/12/2024

Jonell Tosi

12/8/1941 to 7/20/2024

Bruno was born in Ceppato, Italy on the 26th of February 1941, to Cesare Tosi and Maria Irene Giometti. Bruno immigrated to the United States in 1965 and became a naturalized citizen of the US in 1972.

Bruno promised to bring his mother to the United States when he left Italy in 1965 and made good on that promise in 1971.

Jo was born in Uvalde, Texas on the 8th of December 1941, to Archie B. Miller and Thelma Enomia Johnson. The Miller family moved from Uvalde to Maxwell, California when Jo was a young girl. She loved to share fond memories of summers with her brothers at the fire lookout towers in the surrounding hillsides of northern California. It was during those long summer days that she perfected her apple pie baking technique under the direction of her mother.

Bruno lived in the San Francisco Bay area when he arrived in the US and came to Bend, Oregon in 1977 where he purchased Buy Rite Grocery on the corner of 6th and Revere.

Jo worked at the telephone company or as she liked to say, "Ma Bell", in Pendleton for many years. She was offered a position as a manager at the

phone company in Bend and moved there with her four children in 1977. Bruno and Jo met in 1978. At that time the “little store” was a neighborhood pit stop for pop, beer, candy, cigarettes and groceries. Eventually the store became Bruno’s Grocery, serving deli sandwiches and selling U-Bake Pizzas. More importantly Bruno’s Grocery was a place where friends became family, a place many people visited every day, checking in on Bruno and Jo and knowing they would be greeted with a joke and a smile and often leave with a jar of Jo’s canned salsa, jam or a handful of fresh picked garden vegetables. Bruno and Jo retired and sold the store in 2016 leaving behind a legacy of love and support to many members of the Bend community.

Bruno and Jo were preceded in death by Jim (James Harold) Turnbull and leave behind their children Diane, John (Lisa) and Dave (Susan) Turnbull, Steve Tosi and their grandchildren Hanna, Noah, Jake, Asha, Jamey, Chase, Luke, Lindsey and one great grandchild, Kason.

In lieu of flowers the family invites you to send contributions to Partners In Care (<https://www.partnersbend.org/donate/>) or Upward Bound Camp (<https://www.upwardboundcamp.org/donate>) which serves Teens and Adults with Developmental and Physical Disabilities in Gates, OR and where Jo and Bruno’s daughter serves as the executive director.)

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Always a pleasure to stop by Bruno's. Their pizza was simply the best--and I never left there without a smile. Good people, indeed.
Marcia Houston

Marcia Houston - August 14, 2024 at 09:52 PM

AN

“ I met these two wonderful people when I first moved to Bend & they became like a second family to me. Both we're so loving & giving & had wonderful sense of humor & we're all about family. Prayers & hugs to family. May you find comfort in knowing they are still together!

Ange Norris - July 31, 2024 at 04:23 PM

EB

“ I'm so fortunate to have known these two for many years. And so many great memories, laughs and daily acts of kindness. One year Bruno helped me with a potato gun build in his shop. Once completed we went to the walk-in cooler to obtain a potato and load the spud gun. As we went into the house Jo gave Bruno that look, we opened the slider and shot a spud over Revere and somewhere towards Seward. Every year my wife makes Jo's Zucchini bread recipe with the fruit cup ingredients added. My grandchildren love it. We broke bread together, we laughed together, and I always enjoyed my hug from Jo. It was tough saying my goodbyes to Bruno but so happy that I did. And my phone conversation with Jo just a few days before she passed. I'm going to miss these very special people who were more like family to me.

Eric Brown - July 28, 2024 at 09:01 PM

SS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of their passing, but so interesting that they died so close together.



Susan Shuck - July 28, 2024 at 01:13 AM

DA

“ So sorry to hear of their passing. They were wonderful people. Thoughts and prayers to the family. 🙏

Dave - July 27, 2024 at 09:11 AM

CT

“ My best friend and I grew up blocks away and frequented the little store together to buy 3 cent jolly ranchers and bazooka gum. My brothers and cousins did as well. Wonderful, solid, kind Bend people who had a very positive impact on my family, friends and the people of Bend. Magnetic and loving personalities. They will be missed. Hugs and love to the family. This picture is of my Dad and Bruno who passed last year. Dad loved them both! RIP 😭❤️



Cassie Talbott - July 25, 2024 at 06:23 PM

SL

“ Shauri, Sr. Theresa, & Mikaela Lamkin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bruno and Jonell Tosi.

Shauri, Sr. Theresa, & Mikaela Lamkin - July 24, 2024 at 09:37 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruno and Jonell Tosi.



July 24, 2024 at 09:37 PM



“ Sure miss both of them! Many, many fond memories! Best mom and pop shop in Bend for a long time. RIP ❤️



JD Weedman - July 24, 2024 at 06:33 PM



“ Still by far the best humans this world could of asked for! I remember the days where going to work for them was fun and memorable. After they retired in 2016, I kept in contact with them, but not as much as I would have liked. They will be missed but never forgotten!



Christina - July 24, 2024 at 04:49 PM

LS

Such warm and fond memories of these two wonderful human beings! I stopped in regularly for their great take and bake pizza on Friday afternoons after a long and difficult work week. They always had a cheerful greeting and Bruno even helped me occasionally with my Italian homework. I just today learned of their passing when I stopped by the store for a take and bake pizza and asked about them. I will always feel their sweet presence when I stop by the store.

Lynne Schweitzer - August 12, 2024 at 11:45 PM