



## James "Jim" R. Delp, MD

April 16, 1933 - June 12, 2023

James R. "Jim" Delp, M.D., a Bend ophthalmologist from 1971 to 1998, died June 12 at age 90.

Born in 1933 on a Mennonite family farm near Lititz, Pennsylvania, Jim grew up as a farm boy who, as a high school student, also worked in the area's chocolate factories. He earned a bachelor's of science degree at Goshen College in Indiana, and in 1959 earned a medical degree at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

As an alternative to military service, Dr. Delp served as an Indian Health Service physician on the Hoopa Indian Reservation in northern California. After that service, Dr. Delp specialized in ophthalmology in Portland, Oregon, from 1962 to 1966. There, he met and in 1964 married Dory, an elementary school teacher.

The Delps moved to Bend, Oregon, in 1972 where he established his practice as the city's second ophthalmologist. The couple joined the First United Methodist Church in Bend in which they were active for decades.

Dr. Delp retired from his practice in 1998, remained in Bend, and with Dory enjoyed camping and other outdoor activities.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Contributions may be made to the Lisa Radford Compassionate Care Fund c/o Bend Methodist Church, 680 NW Bond St, Bend, OR 97703 or a charity of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Remembering Jim performing for us on the piano, taking us to try cross-country skiing, caring for Mom's glaucoma... being a friend. Our sincere condolences.  
*Mike and Cindy Smith*

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**Michael Smith** - July 24, 2023 at 07:49 PM

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“ I have many happy memories of spending time with Uncle Jim in central Oregon -- my first backpacking trip, hiking to beautiful view points and waterfalls, cross country skiing, canoeing, visiting lava flows, and even dog sledding! I cherish memories of shared meals, piano performances, bird watching, and homemade ice cream. Uncle Jim's silly sense of humor made us all smile. He was such an intelligent, loving, and kind person. Sending love and heartfelt condolences to Aunt Dory. -- Margaret

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**Margaret Delp** - June 22, 2023 at 10:13 PM