



James (Jim) M. Whitney

September 27, 1937 - December 10, 2020

James M Whitney (Jim) passed away on December 10Th, 2020 at age 83 at his home residence in Sisters, Oregon.

Born in Klamath County Oregon to Marion and Carmeliti Whitney on September 27, 1937. Jim attended school K-12 in Brownsville, Oregon with his five siblings.

He joined the United States Army in 1957 achieving a non-commissioned officer rank of Specialist 5th class, as a missile fire control crewman. He then served in the USAR, until receiving an honorable discharge in 1963.

Jim married Patricia Ann Stalford on January 24th, 1962 in Linn county Oregon. They had a daughter Colleen Carter of Carnation, Washington.

He would later marry the love of his life Willa G. Bullard (Marty) in Southern CA. February 13, 1966.

Jim and Marty moved from Brownsville, to Sisters, OR. and in 1970 they founded Whitney Sporting Goods. For decades their family business was a local landmark for Sportsman traveling to Central Oregon.

He would also go on to serve his community, as a reserve officer for the

Sisters Police Dept before his graduation from the Oregon State Police Academy in 1982. Jim went on to build a career with the Deschutes County Sheriffs Dept, where he served with integrity, loyalty and honor well into retirement.

He had a lifelong passion for the outdoors which he shared graciously with his family and the many friends he would go on to make in his pursuit of game throughout the Northwest and Alaska. In his rare leisure moments Jim would often be found teaching hunter safety to the area youth, or simply tossing out a fishing line along with some advice about life.

Jim loved his dog, Babe. His Brothers and Sisters and a great adventure, which he is no doubt having now.

Jim is preceded in death by his loving wife Willa Whitney, his sister Carol Weathers of Bend, and sister Ellen Baxter of Culp Creek Oregon.

Jim is survived by his Fiancé Melinda Fritzie of Sisters, his daughter Colleen Carter with grandchildren and great grandchildren of Washington and Oregon his brothers Dennis Whitney of La Pine Oregon and Allan Whitney (Short) of Brownsville Oregon, his sister Ida Brown of Cottage Grove.

Memorial donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Let's gather First Day of Spring!

9:00 am on Saturday March 20th 2021 at The Village Green Park located two blocks south of downtown Sisters between Elm & Fir streets we will salute the flag and then follow the Honor Guard Motor Cade accompany Jim's (James Whitney) ashes in a procession through town following past key points then ending at the Sisters Eagle Airport where a short ceremony will be held under

the flagpole. Jim's wishes were to have his ashes spread over the North Sister his flight to freedom will begin at the close of ceremony.