



James Lee Taylor

August 9, 1944 - April 23, 2014

James Lee Taylor, 69, died Wednesday, April 23, 2014. "JT" was born August 9, 1944, in Portland, Oregon, and raised in Kirkland, Washington. He graduated from Grossmont High School in San Diego, CA. JT discovered his interest in aircraft maintenance while serving in the Air Force in Lubbock, Texas. After his honorable discharge, he received his Federal Aviation Administration Airframe and Powerplant certificates. He began his 30-year airline career at Frontier Airlines in 1968 in Denver, Colorado, working first in line maintenance and later as a Powerplant engineer. While in Denver he also met his wife, Tange. After 18 years with Frontier, Jim and his family moved to Seattle, Washington, and after 11 years with Alaska Airlines, he retired. He felt blessed to have a career he thoroughly enjoyed for 35 years. Jim had many interests including hot rods and boats, but his true passion was Harley Davidson motorcycles. He traveled to Sturgis, South Dakota, 27 times for the annual biker week and had been building choppers and restoring antique motorcycles since the 1970s. He was a member of the Bend Harley Owners Group (HOG) and Central Oregon Vets Motorcycle Club. In his retirement years, he continued being "Mr. Maintenance Extraordinaire" and enjoyed RV travels, tinkering in his shop, and spending time with his family. He was a man of strength and integrity. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Tange; elder son, Zachary Taylor, and fianc, Candace Fanean, of Denver; daughter, Danica Taylor Pennock, and husband, Robert, of Bend; and younger son, Carson Taylor, and wife, Nikke, of Boise, Idaho. Jim had 3 beautiful granddaughters,

Maddison (5), Addison (2), and Kenna (19 months). His family grieves the loss of his love and support, while his friends will surely miss his gregarious presence. A celebration of life will be held at Aspen Hall on Monday, May 5, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to Central Oregon Vets Motorcycle Club or Antioch Church of Bend, Oregon.

Funeral Home:

Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home New

105 NW Irving Ave

Bend, OR

US 97701

Tribute Wall

SS

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of JT. He will be missed at Xcel gym. He always had a smile and was so nice to all.

Susan Shuck - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Tange and Family, sorry to hear of the loss of JT. We have enjoyed your friendship and fellowship as we rode to the Buckeroo Breakfast yearly. I will miss Jim friendship at the shop and his laughter. Our prayers are with you. Sadly missed.

Mike & Lynn Becker - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Dear Tange, Carson & Danica, We are so saddened to hear of Jims death. He was a wonderful Westridge neighbor. I have fond memories of Jim tinkering on his Harley and welcoming smile. May you be surrounded and supported with the love & care of family and friends. Know that we are thinking of you and holding you close in prayer. Our love, Doug and Carol DeVries

Carol DeVries - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Miss my side-hack buddy. Miss riding with him, miss talking planes and Goldens

Philip - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Dear Tange & Family, Please know that you and your family are in our prayers as you grieve the loss of your beloved husband. I would love to bring a dinner meal to your family but dont know your phone number. My cell number is (Jane-419-7226). Psalm 33:20-21 We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice for we trust in his holy name. In Christ, Jane & Larry

Larry & Jane Langston - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ My sincere and heat felt best wishes to the entire Taylor family. I will miss JT. Peter Marshall OVMA HDE

Peter Marshall - April 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM