



## James S. Fleming

January 19, 1942 - June 6, 2022

James Stuart Fleming, of Corvallis, Oregon, passed away on June 6, 2022 following a brief illness.

Jim was born January 19, 1942, to Robert Ernest and Rowena (McLean) Fleming in Silverton, Oregon. Moving to Corvallis at a young age Jim graduated from Corvallis High School in 1960.

After attending Oregon State University, graduating in 1968, Jim served in the United States

Army from 1968 to 1970, stationed in Fort Carson, Colorado.

Following a brief stint teaching high school, Jim and a childhood friend founded and operated

two successful businesses, first in Sisters, OR and later in Halfway, OR. Jim returned to

western Oregon and teaching in 1989. Jim taught for the most part at Benson Polytechnic

High School in Portland, retiring in 2004. He spent his retirement in Cheshire, OR moving

back to the Corvallis-area in 2017.

Jim enjoyed carving wood, an adventure that began with shorebird figures and continued with

waterfowl and fish decoys. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and running,

finishing 20

marathons during his lifetime.

Jim is survived by his son, Robert James and his wife SaraAnne (Pettee) of Alaska; brother

Robert Bruce Fleming and his wife Caroline (Budgett) of Mist, OR; niece Heidi (Fleming) Bodine

of Fresno, CA and nephew James D Fleming of Lake Oswego, OR. He was preceded in death

by his parents Robert and Rowena.

A special thank you to Anne Fleming, Heinz Croes and James D Fleming for their loving care

and support during his final days.

No Memorial service is planned.

Demoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory is handling arrangements,

# Tribute Wall

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“ Fleming was part of our extended family and friends in Redmond, Halfway and Nampa. Climbed Eagle Cap, river rafting, and more. He was with us for two weddings. We have several of his ducks, a swan and a blackbird. Quite a character. Always interesting and fun. He is and will be missed.  
Millers, etc. 🌸🌻🌼🍀

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**Patti Miller** - May 19 at 02:18 AM

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“ One caregiver said Jim Fleming was very much his own man. I knew him and his mother forty years ago and then bonded with him at an assisted living over our own broken backs. He wanted to drive his car as long as he was able and would sometimes go out and just sit in it. One time at his house there was devilment in his eyes as he mowed his lawn on a riding mower because he was so eager to do it and still could. He hand-carved over 200 Birds, mostly ducks, and was fantastic to go birdwatching with. He never acknowledged that he was as smart as he was. I heard from a mutual friend that after students in his auto mechanics class got a motorcycle repaired he rode the bike down the hall to the principal's office just to show her they could do it. His twinkly eyes revealed an upbeat spirit and droll sense of humor. I'm mighty glad I knew him and miss him very much today....

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**Frances Stilwell** - July 03, 2022 at 01:24 PM

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“ I only met Jim 3 yrs ago and we hit it off immediately. Our interest in cars was the start and quickly we found mutual grounds of agreement and disagreement that led to a lot of good moments and laughter. We exchanged books, his more of interest than mine in most cases and he was always honest in his reviews. One rare thing about our too brief friendship was trading stories of our time in the army which not quite overlapped each other. You could say we were in the army together at different times in different places. It's a rare thing now to be able to speak of those days with another who knows exactly what you're saying. I'm forever grateful to have known him.

*Ken Hogue. Corvallis*

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**ken hogue** - June 21, 2022 at 01:14 AM



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**DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory** - June 08, 2022 at 01:38 PM