



James Oliver Ohren

February 22, 1936 - September 11, 2018

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James Oliver Ohren was born in Fosston, Minnesota to Oliver and Beatrice Ohren on February 22, 1936. He was the first born of the four Ohren children: Jim, Gary, Joan & Tom. The family moved in September of 1944 to Silverton, Oregon. Jim graduated from Silverton High School in 1954 and in the Fall of that year he enlisted in the US Air Force. He proudly became a part of the 11th Tactical Missile Squadron. He served during the Cold War as a "launcher technician" on the TM61 Martin Matador Missile. As part of Jim's training, he was involved with live launches at Cape Canaveral, Tripoli, and North Africa. He was stationed in Germany for 2 years and drove a 10-ton tractor pulling a 42 ft launcher all over Germany.

In September of 1958 Jim honorably completed his enlistment and returned home to Silverton, where he was reunited with Janet Kallis who would become his wife. In December of 1958 Jim and Janet were married in Silverton, Oregon at Trinity Lutheran Church and began their life together in Corvallis, OR. Jim attended Oregon State University and received his Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1962. He started teaching at Jefferson Elementary and went on to teach at Dixie, Western View and Cheldelin. While teaching, Jim also coached numerous sports. He went to night classes and summer school until he earned his Master's Degree in Education.

Jim and Janet were for many years leaders in Lutheran Marriage Encounter. After a long career in education, Jim sold insurance for Gene Keil & Associates. He later began working at Wayne Buck Chevrolet where his son, Jeff, was also employed. Jim's next employment was at Stone Forrest Industries where his daughter, Janel, was also employed. In 1995 Jim purchased FCI, an auto parts business that is now called PARTS NETWORK and is presently being run by his son & wife, Jeff & Carrie Ohren. Jim and Janet have attended Suburban Christian Church for many years.

In 1968 Jim and his wife bought their home on the Alsea Hwy, located just outside of Philomath, and they spent the next 50 years renovating this home. When it came to home remodeling, they could pretty much do anything together.

For their 50th wedding anniversary, Jim and Janet bought a nice fishing boat and spent the next 10 years enjoying Odell Lake and building relationships with the many special people that fish there.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of almost 60 years, Janet. His son, Jeff (Carrie) Ohren; daughter, Janel (Kevin) Hoffmann; grandchildren, Ben (Liz) Hoffmann, Nathan (April) Hoffmann, Mariah (Mike) Keldorf, Quianna Ohren, Nakkitta Abadilla, Sammy (Carolina) Abadilla; great grandchildren, Kaden, Cohen, Raynor, Kalani and Ahsoka. He is also survived by his siblings Gary (Nancy) Ohren, Joan (Art) Balczarek and Tom Ohren.

There will be a celebration of life at 11:00 am on Saturday the 29th of September at Suburban Christian Church, immediately followed by a military memorial at Mount Union Cemetery and finally, a gathering at Jim's house to honor him. If you knew him, please attend, he always loved getting people together.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Mount Union Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1025, Philomath, OR 97370. The cemetery is a non-profit corporation that relies on volunteers to manage and maintain (mow & weed whack)..... and you know, if Jim were here, he would be cutting the lawn and maintaining the grounds. Janet wishes to donate an entrance sign

for the cemetery with a plaque acknowledging Jim for the donation.

In recent years Jim volunteered for "Take a Veteran Fishing" and "Candlelighters for Children with Cancer".

Please leave your thoughts and condolences at www.demossturidan.com

Cemetery Details

Mt Union

2987 Mt Union Avenue
Philomath, OR 97370

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 29. 11:00 AM (PT)

Suburban Christian Church
2760 SW 53rd St
Corvallis, OR 97333

Burial

SEP 29. 12:30 PM (PT)

Mt Union
2987 Mt Union Avenue
Philomath, OR 97370

Tribute Wall

CS

“ I'll always miss Odell lake. And Jim I will always be at the dock at 4:45 so you don't leave without me. I miss you.

Janet let me know what I can do to help with Mount Union and the sign.

Chris Shonnard - October 10, 2018 at 01:23 PM

AI

“ Allstart Auto Electric Inc. lit a candle in memory of James Oliver Ohren



Allstart Auto Electric Inc. - October 07, 2018 at 12:49 AM

GR

“ Wow!!!! We have so many great memories of Jim. He taught us many techniques of successfully catching Kokanee in Odell Lake. He always had a smile on his face and made everyone feel very special. But my favorite memory was being greeted by Jim as he sang “Hey Mrs Robinson” no matter where he saw me. I heard these words coming from the parking lot, on the porch of the store and my favorite—across the lake from his passing boat. We will miss you Jim, but know that you celebrate your new life with the Lord and that we WILL see you again. Til then, we will miss you and love you. We continue to pray for Janet and the family
Georgia and Lynn Robinson

Georgia and Lynn Robinson - September 28, 2018 at 08:48 PM



“ I was in second or third grade at Dixie and Mr. Ohren was my sister's teacher. My sister had had an accident on our farm and I had to go to school the next day and tell him why she wouldn't be there. I started crying and Mr. Ohren hugged and comforted me until I felt better. He was always loved by the kids and was not only a great person but a great teacher.

So sorry to hear of your loss.

Renita McNaughtan

Renita McNaughtan - September 24, 2018 at 11:51 AM

WS

“ I have been back to North Dakota on a fishing adventure and just learned the sad news of Jim's passing. I worked and laughed with Jim for more than a decade at Cheldelin Middle School in Corvallis. Our Midwest backgrounds made us a perfect match. Rarely have i met a man with more vitality and energy for life and with enthusiasm to burn. He was an outstanding teacher possessing a rapport with kids second to none. And try digging a basement under your house with a hand shovel, not to mention a 'homemade furnace'! Jim also helped me get started with personal investing. Enough diversity for you? But mostly Jim was a good man. I am proud to say he was my friend and colleague. My sympathies to Janet and his whole family. Sadly, Wayne Spletstoser (And Marjorie), Shedd, OR.

Wayne Spletstoser - September 22, 2018 at 09:13 AM

KC

“ Janel, so sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Kimberly Clark - September 21, 2018 at 04:43 PM

ES

“ We are sorry to hear about Jim. We remember so well the fun we had when Jim and Gary and Janet and Nancy sat on our porch in Sweden, eating pickled herring, drinking "snaps" and singing songs. We are also thankful for the hospitality we received when we where at the Svensson reunion in Oregon. The is a memory that will always stay with us .
Our thoughts and condolences to Janet and family
love from Eva and Nicke with family in Sweden

Eva Svensson - September 20, 2018 at 07:27 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory - September 19, 2018 at 06:29 PM

GB

“ We will miss Jim and his warm greetings. Our daughter, Crystal, also has fond memories of him as her math teacher in Junior High School. She said he was always encouraging with a pat on the shoulder and a "nice job". The attached pictures of him wearing his viking hat and serving pancakes at one of the "Ohren breakfasts at the lake" bring back great memories. What a nice way to bring friends together. Jim and Janet will always be in our hearts.
Gary and Marlene Blanchard



Gary Blanchard - September 19, 2018 at 11:25 AM

RM

“ We have many fond Odell Lake memories of Jim, the fisherman extraordinaire. He was a fun, kind and generous person. We were so impressed on our first trip to the lake when Jim invited us to go fishing on his boat. He told us to be at the dock at 4:15 a.m. He taught us how to catch Kokanee, then cleaned all of them, then vacuum packed and froze them, and then Janet made lunch for us!!! He will be missed!

Rod and Patty Moore

Rod & Patty Moore - September 14, 2018 at 05:08 PM

DO

“ Jim & I were best friends in high school & kept in touch all these years. My memory is of all the times we slept over at each others house, hunted together & just hung out together. I truly mourn his passing. Mine and Marg's heartfelt condolences to Janet and the rest of the family. Rest in peace Jimo, you were a great friend. Til we meet again, David Overlund

David Overlund - September 14, 2018 at 11:44 AM

CR

*Love and prayers Janet and family. He will be missed by many.
Caroline Overlund Reid*

Caroline Overlund Reid - September 14, 2018 at 11:59 AM

RS

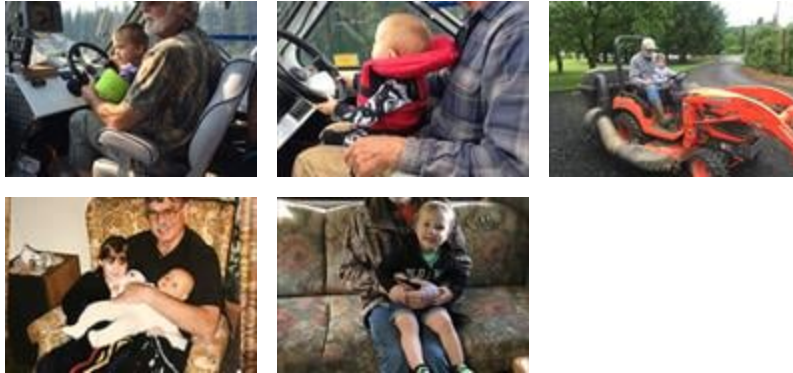
Pat and I met Mim and Janet at Odell 12 years ago at Odell Lake. Unlike many fishermen I have met over the years, Jim was an open book and so eager to help whom ever asked for assistance. I will miss him at twilight in the cove where Jim always had a high wave from afar, and a quick fishing report as our Boats would pass each other. He was such a gracious gentleman. Happy Trails old friend, until we meet again.

Rick & Pat Strait

Rick Strait - September 14, 2018 at 10:29 PM

MK

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Mariah Keldorf-Snyder - September 14, 2018 at 12:03 AM

CS

“ *Our hearts go out to Janet and his family. His love for them was readily apparent. He will be remembered with love. He taught us how to fish Odell Lake, our next limit is for you dear Jim. Thank you! He was a light to us all! I'm thankful we got to share the planet and his boat, with him! He will be dearly missed!*

Coleen Stevenson - September 13, 2018 at 06:50 PM

DH

“ Jim was a witness at our wedding in 1956 ,Jim and Janet have been close and dear friends for years. WE were in Germany and Florida together. We enjoyed many camping trips with them. Our son is named after Jim, we will miss him more than anyone will know. Don And Laura Harrison

Don & Laura Harrison - September 13, 2018 at 12:47 PM

JM

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Jim. He's one of my Dad's cousins, and I will always remember his kindness, his love for his family, and warm, friendly smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Julie Peterson Mohr - September 13, 2018 at 12:01 PM

JK

The memories of Jim will be with Trula and I for along time. The words that describe Jim in our mind is a Beautiful person. Always a man that cared. He will be missed, by so many.

Jim Kielblock - September 13, 2018 at 11:23 AM

JB

He was such a kind and loving guy and will be missed! Prayers to your family.

joanie Bishop - September 13, 2018 at 12:10 PM

GR

We will miss Jim tremendously. Jim taught us techniques of Kokanee fishing from his boat that will remain will us forever. His singing "Hey, Mrs. Robinson" when we arrived at Odell Lake always signaled the beginning of Kokanee Fishing for us. I can still hear his voice shouting out those words, even from his boat on the lake. The world is definitely a better place because of Jim. We look forward to seeing Jim again in heaven. Our hearts and prayers go out to Janet and the family during this time. We love you

Lynn and Georgia Robinson

Georgia Robinson - September 13, 2018 at 01:29 PM

CB

My heart just aches for Janet and the entire family! There are not enough words to describe the great man and friend that Jim was to so many. His kindness, friendship and the man that he was will forever live in my heart! If we all could be just a small portion of the kind soul that he was, the world would sure be a better place! RIP my friend and "Fish on"

Carl Bird - September 13, 2018 at 07:19 PM



Jim was the most caring man and I appreciated him very much. Wayne and I will miss seeing him walk on our dock to and from his boat many times a day. It just won't be the same. Our prayers and love for Janet and family..

Wayne and Deanna

Deanna Ashford - September 13, 2018 at 09:16 PM



A good man, a good husband and father, a good neighbor and friend, a good teacher, a true gentle-man. Missed, but hopefully, emulated by all who knew him. The best legacy.

Carole & Oscar

Carole Krueger Gutbrod - September 14, 2018 at 01:07 PM

LW

Janet we are so sad of this news back in Minnesota we send you and your family our prayers. Richard and Linda

linda walton - September 14, 2018 at 05:14 PM

KP

I'm saddened to hear this news. Love and prayers to Janet and the family. Jim was one of the very best!! Karlene Peterson

karlene peterson - September 14, 2018 at 10:20 PM

GD

*Janet and family, you and I shared as classmates but Jim was one of my favorite elder classmen who I was privileged to know.
Jerry Darby*

Gerald L Darby - September 14, 2018 at 11:27 PM

HH

Thoughts and prayers to the family. Jim's mother was my cousin. Jim had a zest for life. When in North Dakota, he took interest in the harvest and enjoyed every moment. May he rest in peace

Helen Hill - September 15, 2018 at 10:30 AM