



James Edward Reichwein

September 13, 1946 - April 14, 2022

On Thursday, April 14, 2022, James Edward Reichwein, father, husband, veteran, and friend, passed away at the age of 75. Jim was born September 13, 1946, in Locust Gap, PA to John and Catherine (Gallagher) Reichwein. He later moved to nearby Mount Carmel, PA. Jim graduated from Mount Carmel Catholic High School in 1964. That same year, his love of airplanes and desire to see the world led him to join the United States Air Force. He completed technical training at Kessler Air Force Base in Mississippi and was then assigned as an Electronic Digital Computer Repairman at Adair Air Force Base.

On May 26, 1967 he married Susan Claire Hoskins. That same year, Jim received orders for U-Tapao Airfield in Thailand where he worked as an Electronic Computer Repairman servicing the Univac 1004 Computer installed in the base communications center, supporting air coverage for the Vietnam War.

Jim's 21 year Air Force career continued to take him around the world. He was stationed at Cheyenne Mountain as an Electronic Digital Computer Repairman with Maintenance Control at NORAD, at Timaru, New Zealand as an Electronic Computer System Repairman responsible for repairs to the Baker-Nunn Spacetrack System at the Mt. John Observatory, at Eglin AFB in Florida as an Electronic Computer Systems Technician for the 728th Tactical Control Squadron, and lastly at Seattle, Washington where he served as an E-3A Logistics Computer Systems Technician and Logistics Computer Display

Systems Acquisition Manager for the E-3A Joint Test Force, part of the USAF Tactical Air Warfare Center.

Upon retiring from the Air Force, Jim and Susan returned to Corvallis, Oregon where Jim began a second career working for CH2M Hill in their computer center until it was relocated to Colorado. He took advantage of the GI Bill to attend classes at Linn-Benton Community College where he obtained an associate degree in business.

Jim was an active member of the Chemeketans hiking group and had a passion for the outdoors. He enjoyed photography, travel, hiking, camping and fishing. He led wildflower hikes on Iron Mountain and other areas. Jim was always active. He volunteered as a driver for Dial-A-Bus. He also founded a group called the Wellness Walkers and led short easy walks for patients recovering from cancer or other ailments.

He was known for his kind and compassionate heart.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, John W. and Catherine Gallagher Reichwein, his sisters Rose Marie O'Brien, Margaret Shannon, Anna Bosco, and his brother Elwood Krapf. He is survived by his wife Susan C Hoskins Reichwein, his two children, Sonya (Reichwein) McIntosh and James Dustin Reichwein, his sisters Dorothy Wright, Shamokin, PA, Mrs. David (Catherine) Fantini, Mount Carmel, PA, Theresa Cimino, Ephrata, PA and many nieces and nephews.

Jim was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2014. This terrible disease stole his memories and the last years of his life. DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home is handling arrangement. Please leave condolences for the family on their website. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund through their website www.curealz.org

Cemetery Details

Willamette National Cemetery

Tribute Wall

KG

“ This Katherine Granillo. I am the daughter of Elwood c. Krapf. This is my favorite Uncle on my dads side of the family. I remember going with my Dad to pick him up from the airport when he was in the service. He used to give the best hugs and he always brought me bracelets from where ever he was in the world. I still have the ones my Mom gave me.

*Rest in peace Uncle, until we meet again, I love you,
your Niece Kitten Ditten*

Katherine Rose Granillo - February 06, 2024 at 08:20 PM

KS

“ I worked with Jim at Regent Court. He was a joy. I loved his smile. I tried to ensure that he joined activities. I also adopted him for Christmas 2021 and bought him some nice clothes. He also said that I "was always a nice lady". I left at the end of January, but I recently that he died. I have thought of him a lot. Loved him.

Karen Stoddard - October 06, 2022 at 08:15 PM

AL

“ I am so grateful to have gotten to care for Jim. Thank you for sharing him with us❤️

alexia - June 02, 2022 at 08:33 PM

AN

“ Jim: he is sorely missed but left a legacy of being thoughtful, kind, helpful, fun and generous.

By starting Wellness Walkers at Timberhill Athletic Club, Jim helped people in cancer treatment be active and see wildflowers and beauty on local trails.

By leading hikes for Salem's Chemeketans, Jim helped hikers learn wildflowers and explore a new trail.

By driving Dial a Bus, Jim served people who needed a ride.

Most of all, Jim set a terrific example of how to respect and care for others.

It was great good fortune to know Jim.

Ann Werner

Ann - May 05, 2022 at 11:23 AM

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Ann - May 05, 2022 at 11:10 AM

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“ Jim,
*Eternal spirit of the woodland trails,
Treading ever so softly, gently upon this earth.
The one who knew where the wild plums grow.
The one whose heart was most at home
in the hills and on the mountaintop.*

Always in our hearts,

Lynn

Lynn Radosevich - April 20, 2022 at 09:03 PM

MW

“ *I remember Uncle Jimmy from when I went to Grampap's house
after school at Our Ladys. He had very kind eyes and was funny
and always smiling. I will be praying for Uncle Jimmy and also for a
cure to this horrible Alzheimer's disease. ❤️*
Mary Catherine

Mary Catherine Wydra - April 20, 2022 at 09:22 AM

PS

“ *I never met Jim.*

We had Vietnam service in common.

But it was his Wellness Walkers hiking group that matters most to me. It helped a longtime friend recover from her ovarian cancer.

I will never know what drew this remarkable man to cancer survivors. But I admire him.

I salute you, sir.

Pete Sandrock

Pete Sandrock - April 19, 2022 at 09:06 PM

DS

Uncle Jim you will be missed!

Dorie Sommers - April 20, 2022 at 03:15 PM

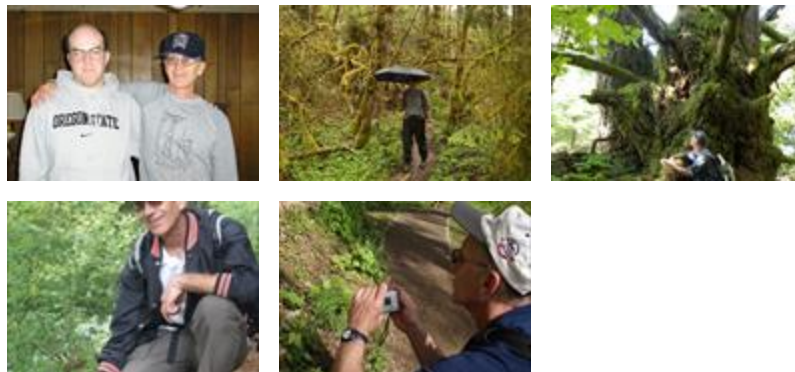
JB

I went to school with Jim in the AF and worked with him at Adair. Great sense of humor and nice guy

Jim Bellah - April 20, 2022 at 11:17 PM

SM

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Sonya McIntosh - April 19, 2022 at 08:09 PM

JC

“ *Jim and I went to grade school and Mt. Carmel Catholic High School together. Unfortunately we lost touch over the years. He was one of the good guys. I will keep his wife and children in my prayers and all family members...May he Rest In Peace. Sincerely, Jim Connaghan*

James Connaghan - April 19, 2022 at 06:37 PM

LH

“ *I have known Jim for a long time, we went to grade school and high school together while growing up in Mt Carmel . I always communicated with him via emails and phone calls. I will pray that God comforts all of you with happy memories . May he Rest in Peace*

Linda Nolan Hearn - April 19, 2022 at 06:12 PM



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DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory - April 19, 2022 at 02:05 PM