



## Jim D. Ballard

January 13, 1944 - January 5, 2022

Jim D. Ballard died January 5, 2022, at Evergreen Hospice House in Albany, Oregon, succumbing to the kidney and liver disease he had been battling the last several years. Jim spent his early years in rural Southeastern Colorado – he even attended a one-room school house on the plains. After graduating in a class of 11, he moved on to the University of Arizona. Once he earned a BS degree, Jim found seasonal work with the National Park Service, where he met the love of his life, Nancye. After a whirlwind courtship, the two were married only ten weeks after they met and stayed married for more than 55 years. Jim spent most of his professional career working in agriculture, but his true love was the forest. He loved hiking and being outside, and he and Nancye led various Sierra Club hikes around the beautiful forests and coasts of Oregon and Washington. Jim is survived by his wife, Nancye; his daughters, Rosalind (and Clayton) McCallard, and Natalie (and Mateo) Ballard Strauhal; and his one and only grandson, Desmond Ballard Strauhal, whom he loved beyond measure. The two spent many a happy hour working on the train set that Jim had owned since he was a boy. Donations in Jim's honor may be made to Thompson's Mills Preservation Society, where Jim volunteered and served as the president of the board until his last days. (PO Box 1, Shedd, OR 97377) The family hopes to install a memorial at Thompson's Mills to honor Jim and his work there. A celebration of life is planned for June 18, 2022.

Arrangements by DeMoss-Durdan funeral Home

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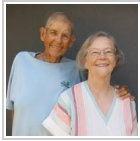
# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 18. 4:00 PM.

Thompson's Mills State Heritage Site

# Tribute Wall



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**Nancye Ballard** - February 09, 2022 at 01:22 PM

MS

*Jim Ballard tour guide extraordinaire for Thompson's Flouring Mills.*

**molly staats** - February 09, 2022 at 08:30 PM

LB

“ *Jim and Nancye shared so many memorable trips and hikes with me and so many others. Jim got us to beautiful inspiring places from the Stehekin Valley to the Washington and Oregon Coasts. He was the cheerful driver for his wine loving friends. He found hikes that could challenge hard core hikers and for those hikes Nancye took care of the less abled. He shared his experience, his knowledge, his humor and even tried to teach me a little about pool. And for all these things he did a lot of driving! I am so grateful that I met and knew Jim. He (and Nancye) have enriched my life. Travel safe, Jim.*

**lenore bailey** - February 05, 2022 at 08:11 PM

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Donald Lyon - February 05, 2022 at 12:11 PM

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Donald Lyon - February 05, 2022 at 12:09 PM

TR

“ Trudy lit a candle in memory of Jim D. Ballard



Trudy - February 05, 2022 at 12:09 AM

JS

“ Jim Ballard was one of the most genuine, down-to-earth men I have had the privilege to know. I am saddened by his passing. Thoughts and prayers go out to Nancye and the girls. John Sams

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**John Sams** - January 26, 2022 at 10:38 PM

TR

I was shocked when my best friend Nancye came back from her summer job after our freshman year at college and told me that she had eloped with a park ranger named Jim. What a wonderful surprise to see their marriage grow in love for 55 years. Thank you, Jim, for sharing your love and care with your family, your work and your community. My loving thoughts go to your memory, and to Nancye and family in this time of transition.

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**Trudy** - February 05, 2022 at 12:22 AM

MO

You've lost someone who held a special place in your heart and in your life. Although no one else can truly share the sadness you feel now, may the wonderful memories of Jim bring you peace and reassure you that love endures forever.  
**BIG HUGS, Molly**

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**molly** - February 05, 2022 at 04:27 PM