



Jim McCoin

August 28, 1946 - December 31, 2022

Ronald James McCoin, 76, passed away at his home in Philomath, Oregon on December 31, 2022. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Jane McCoin, his brother Keith Wolhar, sister Patsy Roth and "brother-from-another-mother" Bill Wren.

Jim was a welder, master fabricator and gifted metal artist. He was born in Oakland California and spent the largest part of his life in San Francisco. Jim attended John O'Connell Vocational School for fabrication and metal work, reinforcing his passion for creating beautiful objects out of metal. He started building his own toys as a child, cutting discarded tin and forming the pieces over wooden blocks. "Magic" with a welder, he combined his skills into a unique brand of metal sculpture comprised of 18-gauge cold rolled steel, welding wire and round stock, all of it intricately assembled into amazing sculptures of classic cars, motorcycles, and more. Jim spent 40 years in Silicon Valley making sophisticated components for high technology companies such as Boeing and the Stanford Linear Accelerator. The craftsmanship we see in Jim's metal sculptures today is the same as he did in Silicon Valley. The difference is now his work looks like cars and motorcycles instead of vacuum quality manifolds for wafer manufacturing.

Jim and Jane moved to Philomath Oregon in 2014 and although he was new to Oregon he quickly made many close friends that felt as though they had known him all their lives. Because of his skill and experience he was quickly accepted into some of the metal art, welding and gunsmith communities both locally and online where he freely contributed his knowledge to anyone willing to learn. Those he mentored remember him as USMC vet, master fabricator, Ninja Sith Lord Jedi micro-tig welder, and amazing guy. Friends and family all wish him GodSpeed!

Demoss-Durdan is handling arrangements. Please leave condolences for the family on the website.

Tribute Wall

GA

“ I met Jim in 1999 through a shared interest in cycling and vintage racing bicycles. We also had a shared interest in rifles, Alfa Romeo cars and metal fabrication. Jim and I rode our vintage bikes and met for lunch every once in a while and always had a good chat and time. During our friendship we traded bicycles back and forth, and I still have two vintage racing bikes originally owned by Jim and one of his spectacular motorcycle sculptures. When Jim moved to Oregon we sort of drifted apart, I moved from the Bay Area also and we lost touch. I just found out that Jim had passed and I express my sincere condolences to Jane, family and other friends. I will always miss my friend Jim.



Guy Apple - November 11, 2023 at 11:17 AM

JN

“ It was a true shock to hear of the passing of my friend Jim. While I only knew him in a limited capacity as an orthopedic PA, our regular visits gave me a glimpse into the depth and character that was Jim McCain. My own history in the California Bay Area as a former teacher at Balboa HS gave us plenty of food for conversation, but our time together made me wonder who was counseling whom! Our connection inspired my own son to move into the world of machining and Jim will forever have a place in my family's heart due to his passion for the trade.

My deepest condolences to his wife Jane, who always made his eyes light up, as well to his extended family and friends of whom he has told me many interesting stories. He clearly viewed this life as a gift and I can only hope we can keep that spirit alive. Much love to Jim, and to all of you.

*John Navarro, PA-C
Orthopedic Surgery
Corvallis Clinic*

John Navarro - January 17, 2023 at 08:11 PM

MP

“ I am Marjorie Perry, Jim was married to my sister Jane for almost 55 years, However, I knew Jim before that when he was my brother Mark's bicycle riding buddy as teens. Our mother always felt good when Mark was riding with Jim, he was calm and strong. Mother wasn't quite so enthusiastic when his interest switched from brother to sister.

His interest in bikes and motorcycles was a passion. He went on long bike rides and was a avid fan of the Tour de France races. The motorcycle interest ended when they were in a very serious accident and Jane was in the hospital for some months.

Jim loved kayaking, hiking , and travelling. They had two wonderful trips to Europe.

Their move to Oregon was a good move and they found family and friends there.

Jim was not a church person, but he was always very encouraging and supportive of Jane in her involvement with the First Baptist Church of Philomath and her Bible studies.

Unfortunately his health began to decline, and we are here today because he was called home on New Years Eve day. Peace be to his memory.

Marjorie and Jim Perry, Redding, CA

Marjorie Perry - January 17, 2023 at 05:39 PM

DP

“ I am Jim's nephew. Uncle Jim was a faithful man. His steady hands (good for welding) was like his steady character (good for living). He knew how to take time to think it through, do it right, and make it last.

Growing up, the older I got, the more I came to understand the depths of my uncle, the assets of his character, and his courage with which he faced life. We had a short 3 year time when we both lived in Fremont. It was nice to know that Jane and Jim were close by.

I thank God for giving me an Uncle in Jim. Praise God for such a faithful man to live in this world, at this time, with these people. We are all the richer because of his role in our lives.

David Perry

David Perry - January 16, 2023 at 09:26 PM

CF

“ I am Jim's cousin Chuck Finley, his mother and mine were sisters.

Jim was a fantastic artist, what he could do with metal was beyond amazing. My wife, Joanne, and I were fortunate to visit with him and Jane and see his works of art.

His metal work included being a great gunsmith. I really enjoyed seeing some of his gunsmith work.

I know he deeply loved this brother Keith and sister-in-law Cheryl. It was fun to watch them interact. Keith would tell me all the things that him and Jim did together, how much fun.

God must have needed a metal artist. Go in peace.

Chuck and Joanne Finley

Chuck Finley - January 15, 2023 at 06:32 PM