



James A "Jim" Tiedeman

July 7, 1950 - July 11, 2019

James (Jim) Andrew Tiedeman, age 69 of Wenatchee, WA passed away July 11th from a heart attack. He was born July 7th, 1950 in Everett, WA.

Jim's early years were spent exploring the woods, building forts, and playing cowboys and Indians with his 2 brothers Bruce and Richard on a small farm in Marysville, WA. On 20 acres of pasture adjacent to their property, all three boys loved to climb and eat delicious fruit from the trees. On trips to North Dakota to visit grandparents, Jim became interested in farming and cattle and would collect and label handfuls of various types of grain. He sold corn, milk from his cows, and raised beef. Jim was active in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and graduated from Marysville High School in 1968.

After high school, he joined the Naval Air Reserve. He met Sandy (his wife of 45 years) while attending Washington State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Soil Conservation. They married in 1974 and attended Colorado State University where Jim earned his Ph.D. in Range Management.

Jim's interest in travel and work in foreign countries began in Lesotho (southern Africa) where he accepted a position on a Farming Systems Project through WSU International Programs. During their 4-year stay, they toured game parks, traveled to other African countries and started their family. Upon returning to the United States with 2 children, Amanda and Jake, they established a home base in Pullman, WA. They took other opportunities to live and work in the developing countries of Tunisia and Morocco, totaling 12 years overseas.

In 1994, the Tiedeman family set down roots in Wenatchee and built a home on the Columbia River. These were great times to reconnect with family after many years abroad. Jim worked with the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

With children in college, the empty nesters accepted another foreign assignment. As a Range Management scientist in Syria, Jim was responsible for increasing forage and

livestock production. He worked with nomadic groups who shared grazing areas. Learning about people and their customs wherever he traveled, he exposed his family to this diversity and increased their awareness of other cultures, religions and languages. Memorable experiences include riding camels in the Sahara, sharing tea as guests in a Bedouin tent in Morocco, and strolling through the 5000 year old market in Aleppo, Syria.

In retirement, Jim continued to travel globally and enjoy his passions of waterskiing, snow skiing, birdwatching and hiking. He had a great imagination, was compassionate, and had a special way of living in the moment and loving life.

Jim is survived by his wife Sandy of Wenatchee, his son Jake of Cashmere, his daughter and son-in-law Amanda and Dave Pearson with granddaughters Juniper and Sierra of Pocatello, ID., his brother and sister-in-law Richard and Connie Tiedeman of Poulsbo, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Celebration of Jim's Life will be held at Red Tail Canyon Farm in Leavenworth, WA on August 23rd, 2019 at 2pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's name to any of the following:

Audubon Society <https://action.audubon.org/donate/make-tribute-gift>

Native Plant Society <https://www.wnps.org/donation/make-a-donation>

Chelan/Douglas County Land Trust <https://www.cdlandtrust.org/support-us/donate>

Comments



“ Jim was a wonderful person. Together with his wife Sandy, they seemed to be the perfect couple. Jim dedicated most of his life to working with those who had the least. I worked with Jim and Sandy in Morocco. They had worked in Tunisia before that and we both worked for Washington State University. Jim was one of the "International" staff in the International Cooperation and Development Unit that had grown to be known world-wide as a source for high quality scientific talent with field experience in many countries that was reflected in the very substantial funding brought into Washington State University during the 1980's and 1990's. Jim is at peace now and his family knows of his contribution. He will be missed; he made his mark on hundreds of thousands, if not millions of families across the globe. If we were all able to do what Jim and Sandy together, were able to do, the world would be a much better place.

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“ Unfortunately, I did not have the pleasure of meeting Jim, but I am good friends with his son, Jake, who is a wonderful man with a heart of gold. I know that Jake is the quality person he is because of the love and training from his father. A father's love shines through his children and in this case, Jim's love is apparent. I wish I had known Jim, but I'm blessed to know and work with his son, Jake.

Lena Flagel - July 16, 2019 at 08:01 PM