



## Chip Baird

November 24, 1955 - August 11, 2022

“Chip” Johnnie M. Baird, 66, of Leavenworth WA, passed on August 11, 2022 surrounded by his loving family. He passed unexpectedly following a short illness.

Chip was born November 24, 1955 to John and Minnie Ruth (Schneider) Baird in Leavenworth, WA. Chip attended school in Leavenworth and was a Leavenworth Grizzly through and through. He played football and graduated Leavenworth High School class of 1974. Right out of high school he went to work at the Peshastin mill WI Forest Products and was a volunteer firefighter in Peshastin for some time. Later he went to work for WA DDA and attended Wenatchee Valley College. He also spent many years employed at Marson & Marson in Leavenworth where he also enjoyed sharing a story and catching up with locals.

Chip met the love of his life, Bunny, early 1975 in Wenatchee, where it truly was love at first sight and they married soon after. They made Leavenworth their home and soon had three beautiful children. Chip loved being in the mountains hunting, on the water fishing or taking a drive through the mountains. His greatest joy in life was time spent with his wife, children, grandchildren, family and friends.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Bunny, of 47 years. Three children, whom

he loved very much, Tawnya (John), Sam (Sarah) & Annie. Five adored grandchildren, Tyler, Josie, Austin, Kamea, and Lilli. Only sibling, sister, Janna Donoghue-Newell (Byron).. He was preceded in death by many loved ones, his parents, grandparents, many aunts, uncles and friends.

Chip was loved by all that knew him. His wonderful smile, huge heart, love for family and friends will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts. A few things his family & friends share:

—Chip Loved Good food. He would choose a home cooked meal over a restaurant any day unless it was a burger; especially a double Heli and root beer milkshake from Heidleburger. Don't forget to dip your fries in your milkshake!

—He loved cooking with his wife Bunny until it was time to decide what temperature the stove should be on. Low and slow or turbo.

—He loved all music. Country, modern rock, classic rock, and crooners. Everything from his favorite Roy Orbison to Maroon Five. He really appreciated male singers who could hit those high notes. Lots of different kinds of music was played in our home and he was always interested in what his children & grandchildren were listening to.

—In his teen years Chip drove and raced a blue Mustang. From then on racing was in his blood. He spent many nights at the Wenatchee Super Oval watching friends and family race and loved a great NASCAR race. Sometimes re-watching a race 4 years later because it was just “that good!”

—Chip loved to tell a good story. He had many stories of his childhood, stories with friends, talking about the local movie theater, having the run of Leavenworth back in the day. He also had many stories that involved fishing,

hunting and elk camp with friends. Some of his favorite stories to tell were about spending time with his family. Hunting with his wife, son, grandsons and having good conversations with his granddaughters.

—Chip was a people person. He loved talking to friends and catching up. His years at Marson and Marson made it possible for him to stay caught up with people and the comings and goings of Leavenworth. Chip had never met a stranger. He could talk to a person he just met as if they were long lost friends.

—Couple of Chip's favorite years were spent assistant coaching football at Cascade High School (Go Kodiaks!) He liked teaching the kids new skills and encouraging them in a sport he absolutely loved.

Chip insisted to not have a service. He wished for all to create memories with loved ones. He would say, "get out and go fishing!" Take some time! Life is short and can change in an instant. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate you leaving thoughts and memories on the Tribute wall at <https://www.jonesjonesbetts.com/>. Arrangements are in the care of Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home, Wenatchee, WA

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ My name is James Dunn. I grew up with Chip and also attended Leavenworth all 12 years with him. He was a great guy and one of the friendliest men I have ever known. He was a great lineman on our football team. He could block anyone and we had a lot of fun together growing up.

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**james dunn** - September 10, 2022 at 12:27 PM

MG

“ Great picture of Chip ! It brought back some great memories of running around with the Baird families and occasionally causing a little trouble . I had not seen or talked to Chip in several years but recently got caught up with Sam. I know he loved the mountains, lakes and rivers . My thoughts and prayers to the family. He will be missed .

*Mike Grubbs*

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**Michael C Grubbs** - September 09, 2022 at 09:16 AM

RT

“ Chip hired me to work night shift on the green chain right out of high school. Pack River Company at Peshastin. Fun times...good memories...

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**Ricard Tupling** - September 08, 2022 at 02:01 PM

TB

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Tawnya Baird - September 05, 2022 at 04:39 PM

AN

“ Annie lit a candle in memory of Chip Baird



Annie - September 05, 2022 at 03:32 PM

BB

“ ChipO you are my Love my Sweetheart & best friend for ever & ever. Love Bunzo ❤️😊



Bunny Baird - August 23, 2022 at 12:50 AM

AN

“ 2 files added to the album Chip



Annie - August 22, 2022 at 02:18 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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Annie - August 22, 2022 at 12:51 PM

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Annie - August 22, 2022 at 12:45 PM