



James Bert Carver III

December 23, 1938 - January 3, 2026

James Bert Carver III, known to all as Jim, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at home in Sunnyslope on January 3, 2026, in Wenatchee, Washington, at the age of 87.

Jim was born on September 23, 1938, in Kellogg, Idaho. From an early age, he carried a sense of adventure, independence, and determination that would shape the many chapters of his life. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps, an experience that instilled in him a lifelong sense of discipline and hard work - values he carried forward in everything he did.

Before settling into family life, Jim lived fully and boldly. He traveled extensively, skied and surfed, and even owned a successful tavern (Jim's) in his hometown of Renton, Washington. He graduated from Renton High School and went on to attend and graduate from Central Washington University. It was there that he met the love of his life, Susan Judge of Ballard, WA - forever changing the course of his story and anchoring it in family and purpose.

Jim was a visionary builder and entrepreneur. He owned and operated Carver Construction and Development, specializing in the design and construction of residential homes and land development. He was one of the first developers of the upper Sunnyslope area, creating the subdivisions Heather Lane and

Tarn Place, along with countless homes throughout Sunnyslope, Wenatchee, and Lake Chelan. His work helped shape the landscape of the community he loved, and his legacy can still be seen in the neighborhoods and homes he built with pride and care.

Beyond his career, Jim's greatest joy was his family. He loved time spent skiing, boating, hunting, fishing, and especially being at Lake Chelan with his wife, children, and grandchildren. He lived his faith through action: providing, protecting, building, teaching, and loving with steadiness and humility.

Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Susan Carver; brother, Ron (Alana) Carver; son, Jason (Loesje) Carver; daughters, Tarne (Shawn) Short, Heather (Chris) Boll; grandchildren, Skylar Boll, Parker Boll and Teagan Short; and step-grandchildren McKaney Johnson and Kassidey Short. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, James Bert Carver II and Helen Carver, brother, John Carver, and grandson, James Short.

His life was well lived and his impact enduring - his legacy of lasting friendships will remain with us forever.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guestbook at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements by Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Sue and family, I am so sorry to read of Jim’s passing. Our relationship started out as a business relationship (which was appreciated) but definitely turned into a true friendship. Jim was so nice and friendly I enjoyed getting to know him and you, too over many years. He was a good man and also a good businessman. It was a privilege to know him. I will miss him but never forget him. Please accept my condolences. May he rest in peace.

Ken Marson

Ken Marson - January 20 at 05:17 PM

KL

“ Dear Sue, Tarne, Shawn & Teagan,
May memories ease your sorrow. May time bring you peace. So sorry for your loss.

Greg & Kim Lindgren

Kim Lindgren - January 13 at 02:41 PM

JF

“ Sue, I was so saddened to see your notice in the paper about Jim. You and your family left some lovely remembrances for me! I hope you will find comfort with your family at this hard time. Keep that lovely smile.

Janet Foyle, Brewster

Janet Foyle - January 11 at 05:18 PM

LB

“ Remembering all the smiles, laughter, good times, and hospitality shared by Jim and Sue at the cabin on Lake Chelan. I'll always picture him driving his beautiful “woodie” boat! He will be missed by many!

Lynne Boll - January 11 at 10:51 AM

PB

“ Dear sue and family. So sorry to hear about Jim. We have fond memories of you and Jim over the years. God bless. Pam and Gene baker

Pamela Baker - January 10 at 08:56 PM

MC

I am so sad to hear of Jim's passing. I've know Jim since high school. He was with a group called Gray Coats- the cool good looking guy. I married one of them. Jim & Sue moved to Ellensburg where I lived. They made a wonderful happy couple. Then to Wenatchee. I cherish the memories. Sue I'll see you soon when I return. Margo Cordner

Margo Cordner - February 16 at 11:46 PM