



Jim Jack

October 20, 1965 - February 19, 2012

Jim Jack

Leavenworth, WA

In loving memory of Jim Jack, a man who loved his life, lived his dream and never met a stranger. Jim was born on October 20, 1965, in Bellevue, WA. He attended school in Redmond and Tacoma, where he graduated from Lakes High School in 1984. He then went on to graduate from CWU and also received an Associates degree in Ski Resort Management at WVC and was honored as Outstanding Graduate in the program.

He is survived by his life partner, Tiffany Ruthe Abraham of Leavenworth; parents, Barbara and Norman Jack of Lake Wenatchee; brother, Jay Jack (Nan) of Seattle; sister, Jodi Simmons (Chris) of Port Angeles; niece, Cierra Jack; and nephews, Sean and Travis Simmons.

From an early age, Jim knew his life was committed to freeskiing and promoting it worldwide. As past President of the IFSA, he accomplished this dream. For the past ten years, he had been judging internationally, head judge for the last six. Everyone Jim met, he cared about, and all who met him loved him. On February

19, 2012, our beloved Jim was killed in a tragic avalanche at Stevens Pass. Jim and two of his great friends, Johnny Brenan and Chris Rudolph, were enjoying a magical day of skiing together. The avalanche claimed their physical bodies and left their souls to soar.

There will be a public Viewing on Saturday, February 25, 2012, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home in Wenatchee. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, February 26, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Festhalle in Leavenworth. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Stevens Pass Ski Patrol. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at our online memorial site www.jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements by Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home, Wenatchee.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home
302 9th Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-1561
dante@jonesjonesbetts.com

Service

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (PT)

Leavenworth Festhalle
1001 Front Street
Leavenworth, WA 98826

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Still missing you Jimbo.*

James Boling - February 22 at 02:33 AM

RM

“ *I met him 1999 he ran the forest crew . For chelan county regional jail. I was a jailbird / trustee .back then spent everyday in the hills with Jim . I gotta say he was a great man . I'm sure he had something to do with my outlook on life today.*

Robert Menzel - October 01, 2020 at 05:17 PM

GD

“ *Jim Jack died when i was 4 he was very fun to have around I still cant beleive he is gone*



Grace Duncan - March 25, 2020 at 12:52 AM

SM

“ *Barb & Norm, Know that you're in our thoughts & prayers. With deepest sympathy,
Sonia Marx & Family*

Sonia Marx - March 05, 2012 at 08:53 PM

SM

“ I went to elementary school with Jimmy and was saddened to learn of his death. Two days before the avalanche I was talking to a friend about playing trucks with him, David Kirtley and Mike Randall when we were in Kindergarten. My heart goes out to the family. He grew up to be an amazing person.

Sarah "Roush" McElrath

Sarah McElrath - March 02, 2012 at 06:08 PM

KC

“ Dear Barb and Norm: In reading all these tributes to Jim we realize just how special he was. We saw you interviewed at the candlelight vigil last week in Leavenworth, and we admired your strength so much. Of course I have always known that about you. The two of you are such special people and I treasure our friendship. Bud and I will be leaving Puerto Vallarta on the 1st of April to head back home to Packwood, and would like to stop in Casa Grande to see you if you're still down there at that time. Until then, you are in our thoughts and our hearts ache for your loss. Love you both.

Karen

Karen K. Crest - March 01, 2012 at 01:38 PM

MK

“ Jim and I met several years ago as he and my brother and sister (Jimmy and Carolyn Rathbun) went to school at WVC. He and Jimmy were in the Ski Program at the college. I would come over from Idaho and later, Bellevue, to visit. We met later at Jimmy's wedding which is the last time I saw Jim Jack. I will always remember his gentle grace. I will always remember, too, the positive impact he had on my brother and sister who will miss him so so much, along with the rest of the group that formed such a special friendship during that time and since. I hope friends and family find peace and comfort in the wonderful and blessed memories of such a unique person who has had such an impact on so many lives. My heart hurts for those Jim Jack left behind but I know we will see him again and that until that time, he rests in Peace.

Mary (Rathbun) Kerr - February 25, 2012 at 09:49 PM

CA

“ I went to Hudtloff and Lakes with Jim. Back then he was as genuine person to every kid in school. Jim had ski posters in his room too we don't know how he got them! I also remember the subaru brat his parents bought him. Jim still looks so young because he was always happy about life family and friends. 80's ski music. I'll honor Jim like I honor my father every time I play sports.
Sincerely, Clifford Alcordo

Clifford Alcordo - February 25, 2012 at 05:49 PM

ME

“ Oh, my! How incredibly suddenly our lives and plans can change! Barb and Norm, Dave and I send our biggest hugs to you. Words are totally inadequate. We will be in touch on our return home.

Mel Erickson - February 25, 2012 at 01:33 PM



We have been asked to come to Crystal mountain on Sat. to attend a competition Jim would have been judging, so we will be at my brothers for a couple days further out Canyon. I'll call you.

Barbara Jack - February 28, 2012 at 01:00 AM

CH

*“ I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my prayers.
- Carolyne Hudson*

Carolyne Hudson - February 24, 2012 at 04:12 PM

KM

“ Kandy Mulrony lit a candle in memory of Jim Jack



Kandy Mulrony - February 24, 2012 at 04:00 PM

KM

Barbara - This message is for you. I met you many years ago when I was going through a divorce. I spent a weekend at your cabin with a bunch of other women. When I saw you on the news the other day I knew I had to send you a message and tell you that I am thinking about you at this time, I am so sorry for your loss and I am very sure he was a very special man. Kandy

Kandy Mulrony - February 24, 2012 at 04:04 PM



Kandy, I remember the retreat very well. It was the perfect group and I loved every minute. It may be time for another one,

Barbara Jack - February 28, 2012 at 12:08 AM

“ When I met Jim for the first time I was a sophomore in high school. Jim had charisma. he was funny, friends with so many and a real joy to hang out with. Jim introduced me to people that he went to junior high school with and before I knew it I felt welcomed into his circle of friends. Jim invited me to the movies, to concerts and to just hang out at his home with his parents. Jim's parents, Barb and Norm were just like Jim, open, loving, very funny and so kind. I never felt more relaxed and invited than I did in Jim's home. We hung out alot throughout high scholl and eventually began to date. At the begining of our senior year we made each other a promise that we would go to the senior prom together, even if we were dating other people. It was a pact and we held to it. Prom night was a blast, first Jim picked me up at home and by the way, my parents LOVED him.

After high school Jim and I kept in touch. He came to Western where I was attending school just to hang out. When I turned 21, Jim took me to the Heart concert in /seattle, I remember that night so well.

I became engaged to my husband in 1987 and in 89 we married. Jim's gift to us was a best of Washington, cookbook which was inscribed with heartfelt words that I have cherish.. I read the inscription just yesterday and wept because I miss his smiling face and his friendship.. To me, Jim was the friend of all friends. Years had passed and I saw Jim again at our ten year reunion and as others have said....it was as if no time had passed at all when I saw him again.

Jim loved life, he loved his friends and family. As for me, there was no one like Jim Jack. I loved him snf hid kinfnrdd. Who he was Jim? Jim was a gift from God to us all. I miss you very, very much.

Your friend Jim, Mary Jo Sauriol Underwood

Mary Jo Sauriol Underwood - February 23, 2012 at 10:05 PM



Mary Jo, I'm sure you know how much we loved you. It's interesting that you mentioned Jim's heartfelt messages. I talked about them in the service. He wrote much better than a Hallmark employee. I think it was a way to always let us know what he felt in case anything happened. We were all lucky.

Barbara Jack - February 28, 2012 at 12:19 AM



“ RICK J. HANCOCK lit a candle in memory of Jim Jack



RICK J. HANCOCK - February 23, 2012 at 09:01 PM



“ i met jim when i was on the inmate worker crew at chelan county jail, i had the privilage to learn first hand from someone that really cared about life and making everyone feel comfortable. jim would hike many miles cuttiing trees and explain to us what he was doing and then after some safety steps would let us take our turn in clearing out the brush he was a team leader and included everyone to the best he could you will be forever missed jim R.I.P. BRO.....RICK H.

RICK J. HANCOCK - February 23, 2012 at 09:00 PM



Rick, thank you so much for your touching words. You are talking about the Jimmy Jack I watched grow up. He truly cared for everyone as we all should. Remember you only see in others the qualities you already possess. Pass it forward. You too can change lives.

Barbara Jack - February 28, 2012 at 12:31 AM