



Timothy O O'Dea M.D.

May 7, 1953 - July 16, 2025

Timothy Owen O'Dea was born in Billings, MT on May 7, 1953. He passed away at Blossom Creek Memory Care on July 16, 2025 surrounded by his loving family. Tim was the third of six children born to Paul and Lois (Williams) O'Dea. His formative years were spent in Miles City, MT. Summertime always included trips to visit his grandparents on the Williams Family Ranch outside of Glendive, MT. There he rode horses, searched for arrowheads and wildflowers, learned to brand cattle, & worked hard.

In 1971, he graduated from Custer County High School. Tim was accepted to Carroll College in Helena, MT, and focused on pre-med. During his 4th year at Carroll, while studying in the library, he met his future wife, Sue. Timothy married Susan Eccleston, June 19, 1976, in Anaconda, MT. In 1979, he graduated from the University of Washington with his WAMI cohort, earning his M.D. His next steps led to a Family Practice residency at San Bernardino County Medical Center. He was certified in family practice in 1980. To fulfill his time in the Public Health Service, he was assigned to Glasgow, MT. Tim loved the community of Glasgow and later joined a group practice. Both children, Sarah and Matthew, were born in this small and loving community.

At the age of 36, Tim decided to advance his medical degree. He was matched in Des Moines, IA, for a 1-year general surgery residency at Iowa Methodist. He then focused on a specialty in Anesthesiology & was accepted

to the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita. He graduated in June 1994. Tim worked in Wichita from 1994 to 1999.

Tim and Sue had a great desire to be closer to family in Montana, and in 1999, started looking for an opportunity to move. In 1999, the family moved from Kansas to Washington, and Tim joined Wenatchee Anesthesia.

In 2011, Tim moved on to doing locum tenens, leading him to places like Biloxi, MS; Auburn, WA; Salem, OR. As we joke, Tim never met a stranger, so this type of work brought him joy in meeting new people in all walks of life. Having the opportunity to travel was a great joy for Tim and Sue. They journeyed to Ireland, England, & Wales to explore their heritage on both sides of their family tree. Riding the Bullet Train allowed them to visit family in Northern & Southern Japan. A trip to Italy with friends was filled with beautiful churches & museums, but most memorable was the fine dining & nightly gelato.

Tim had a vast array of interests, making it hard to express all the things he was passionate about. He was an avid HAM radio operator, loved fishing, mushrooming, cooking, & the Master Gardener Program.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents, Paul & Lois, and brother Thomas. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Susan; daughter Sarah (Jonathan) Olson; son Matthew (Paula) O'Dea; his siblings Patrick (Marlene) O'Dea, Peggy (Lawrence) Gieser, Marianne Reaves, & Marty (Jeanette) O'Dea; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass for Tim will be on Thursday, July 24, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 625 Elliott Ave, Wenatchee.

Arrangements by Jones & Jones Betts Funeral Homes, Wenatchee.

Previous Events

Mass

JUL **24**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
625 S Elliott
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-4569
<http://www.stjosephwen.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Timothy O O'Dea M.D.



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“ To me, when I think of Uncle Tim, I remember him always being curious and inquisitive. He always seemed to be learning or exploring something new, whether it was wild mushrooms, new technology, or some other new interest. It was an absolute joy having them as guests when we were in Japan, when he and Auntie Sue ventured half way across Japan to visit us. Stories of navigating the train and seeing them watch in awe as I walked them through a department store of \$100 tattooed melons and mounds of tiny dried fish was so much fun. Visits with Tim and Sue were always full of laughter and love. He is in our hearts in loving memories. Love, Michelle

Michelle Kaney - July 21, 2025 at 04:00 PM

MF

“ Mike, Katie, James, Megan & our families purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Timothy O O'Dea M.D..



Mike, Katie, James, Megan & our families - July 21, 2025 at 02:58 PM

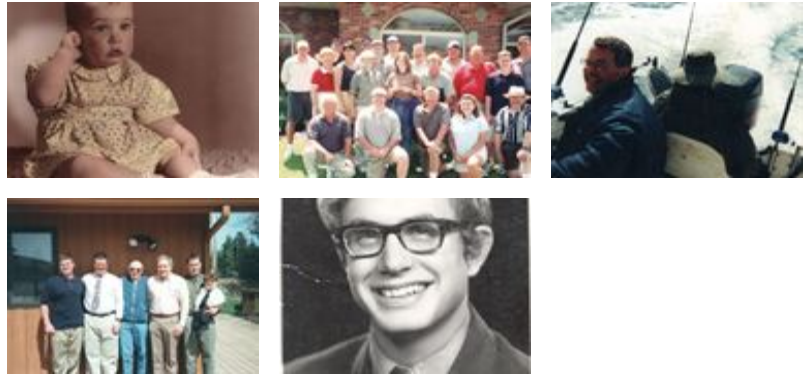


“ Mike, Katie, James, Megan & our families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Timothy O O'Dea M.D..

Mike, Katie, James, Megan & our families - July 21, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ 111 files added to the album Life Tributes



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“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Timothy O O'Dea M.D..



July 21, 2025 at 11:18 AM

JM

“One of the last times I saw my Uncle Tim, he walked into my mom’s kitchen, looked right at me with his memorable smile, and said to my Aunt Sue, “I like her.” It was unexpected—but that moment, so simple and so him, still brings me joy.

The very last time we were together was at my daughter’s wedding. He was completely in his element—lingering near the dessert table, sneaking more than his fair share of cookies, sweetie pies, and Tipperary squares... all while keeping a close, watchful eye on the whole pig roasting outside. He was offering advice to the pit master, questioning the seasoning in the rub, claiming the role of official taste tester, and making absolutely sure that everything was perfect for everyone to enjoy.

Cooking was one of the deepest connections we shared. My joy came from preparing meals for big gatherings—30 or more at the lake cabin—while Uncle Tim’s passion was rooted in the quiet precision of cooking for smaller, intimate groups. But no matter the scale, we always seemed to have something to talk about. We’d talk about the last meal we prepared, share recipes, pore over cookbooks, trying to find the perfect recipe to honor whatever ingredient we had—especially those freshly harvested from his garden.

I loved the way he’d watch over my shoulder while I cooked, asking thoughtful questions, offering tips, or sometimes just observing with a quiet nod. He always made me feel like what I was doing mattered.

He had a beautiful way of honoring both food and the people he cooked for. Every meal was an act of love and attention. Every moment in the kitchen with him became a memory I now treasure.

I will carry those memories with me—the laughter, the flavors, and the quiet bond we built over stoves and serving platters. I’ll miss him dearly, but I will celebrate him every time I cook at the cabin, use

fresh tomatoes, and put love into every dish.

Until we meet again at the table, surrounded by all our loved ones...

Bon Appétit, Uncle Tim. ❤️

Love and prayers to the entire O'Dea clan - Aunt Sue, Sarah, Jonathan, Matt and Paula.

Jody Micheletti - July 20, 2025 at 02:27 PM

MR

“ *My brother and his wife Sue had an open welcoming home. I was blessed to be able to stay with them for extended times! Love to Sue, Sarah and Matthew!*

Tim would always check on family and kept in touch! We were always happy to hear from him!

Heaven has gained an angel!

Marianne O'Dea Reaves - July 20, 2025 at 03:54 AM

SF

“ *Siblings and Family purchased the Country Basket et Blooms for the family of Timothy O O'Dea M.D..*



Siblings and Family - July 19, 2025 at 10:22 PM

BS

“ *Bob and Bobbie stumble. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Timothy O O'Dea M.D..*



Bob and Bobbie stumble. - July 19, 2025 at 05:59 PM

BS

“ *Bob and Bobbie stumble. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Timothy O O'Dea M.D..*

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