



James "Jim" Hiram Selby Jr.

February 14, 1940 - September 22, 2020

James (Jim) Hiram Selby, Jr., passed away at the age of 80 in the early morning hours of September 22, 2020. He died peacefully at home surrounded by his family, following a battle with Parkinson's.

He was born on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1940, in Webster City, Iowa. His parents moved to Southern California in 1946 and he spent most of his childhood and young adult life in Glendale, California. He contracted polio at age six and later in life would often reflect on his stay in the hospital. He recalled how the nurse-nuns in the hospital worked in a huge room, with bed after bed filled with polio patients, and how they would place hot blankets on him to help sweat out the virus.

After graduating from Hoover High School in Glendale, California, Jim enrolled at UCLA in the fall of 1958. A typical broke, hungry student, he joined the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and took a job as a paid kitchen helper at one of the sororities, guaranteeing at least one good meal a day. After graduating in 1963 with a political science/psychology dual major, he joined the U.S. Army. Jim completed boot camp and a stint at Fort Ord, California before joining the California Air National Guard. 1967 he met Pat Noonan, while both were enrolled in a buyer-training program at the May Company in Los Angeles. In addition to his wife Pat, Jim is survived by his children Elijah Shannon Selby-Kogan (Scott), Erin Jane Selby, and Andrew James Selby (Sierra), as well as a grandchild, Beck Nadiv Kogan. Jim is also survived by his sister Deborah Carlton and brother Steve (Sarah) and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister Linda Boyd.

Jim loved history and instilled that love in all three of his children. There were many fascinating conversations around the dinner table about history—WWI, WWII, the Civil War and the Vietnam War. He especially focused on the Vietnam War and even wrote a short novel about it.

Jim was known for his enthusiastic interest in sports and could rattle off baseball, football and basketball statistics at will. He spent over 25 years coaching youth, both boys and girls, in Junior All American Football, Girls Softball and Little League.

Jim was unapologetically political. Politics were discussed at the dinner table all through the growing up years of the children. All opinions were welcome, as long as you could back them up with facts and a well-reasoned argument.

The word that comes up again and again, as family and friends have sent condolences, is iconic. Jim was one of a kind.

Jim will be buried in the Cremation Gardens of Tonaquint Cemetery. A memorial for family and friends will take place post-Covid-19 sometime next year. For those wishing to make donations in his name, the family recommends the ASPCA. Jim loved all animals, but especially dogs. Family and friends are invited to share condolences and memories online at: www.SerenityStG.com.

Comments



“ Dear Jim, I miss you, my friend. There have been so many times over the years at family get togethers that, just to stir the pot, you would start off on a subject that you KNEW would cause controversy. You loved discussions, pushing buttons and just discussing stuff, almost anything. And you could ALWAYS get a rise from Marty. And it thoroughly annoyed him when I took your side. It was always entertaining and sometimes annoying. But in the end, always the little smile, and the turn to sports. And speaking of Sports...that's with a capital S... here in 2020 is the Craziest sports year EVER and I'm sure you are shaking your head in wonder that such a travesty could ever happen...boy, that would be a lively discussion. And now the Dodgers are going to the World Series and we won't be able to hear you cheering, but we know you'll be watching. I know you loved to watch sports, football, baseball, basketball, almost any sport, although, you were very opinionated on what was a REAL sport. You even got into watching soccer for a brief time, after a lively discussion with me on who were better conditioned athletes, football or soccer players...well, we agreed to disagree ;)

Lots of memories over the years. The years mellowed you, a little. HaHa! And it was during your retirement and the visits to St George where we could look back on all the years and reminisce. Of course, mention just about any team, Iowa for example :) and you would bring back lots of stats, season records, etc. Your pictures in the TV room always seemed to be a source of pride. You would proudly point to a picture and tell a story, mostly about the kids and how proud you are. Yes, you are missed. But looking at your picture, one of my favorites, we see "JIM" and it all comes flooding back. Memories of working with you at "Just Kids". (I learned so much during that time.) And always the memories and conversations about us being the OUT-LAWS instead of the in-laws. We'd always have a good laugh about that. A source of pride. And finally, Valentines Day will always have one more special Memory! Yes, you are missed!

Love You!
Sandy

Sandy Noonan - October 20, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ Oh Sandy. What a wonderful tribute. It was like walking down memory lane. Thank you! Pat

Patricia Selby - October 24, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ I have so many fond memories of hanging out with the Selby family throughout my adolescence and young adulthood. From the garage band cacophony, to the inebriated napping in the driveway, to the ignition of a car (not to be confused with the car's ignition), Jim was not only tolerant of the chaos that my friendship with Andy brought to his life, but somehow endlessly welcoming of my reappearance in his home. I'll always remember his warm chuckle and ever-so-slightly disapproving/approving head-shake in response to whatever nonsense we had found ourselves engrossed in on any given day. His kindness and forgiveness over the many years allowed for one of my most cherished and enduring friendships to flourish - and for that I'll be forever grateful.

Thank you to the entire family for letting me be a de facto brother/son. I hope to see each of you sometime soon so that I can give you the hugs I wish I could give you now.

Love,
Joe

Joe Spraker - October 03, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ Joe! Thank you so much for the sharing of the memories. Pat

patricia a - October 03, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ Jimmy is the oldest of the Selby cousins. Max and I are so grateful for the time we spent last fall with Pat and Jimmy. It was during the World Series and Jimmy and I were the only ones that stayed up to watch the last game!

Jimmy came to stay with Aunt Margaret and Uncle Dick, (my parents), when he was 16. He put my dad's pickup in the ditch! Just one of the stories of that summer. Whenever Jimmy came to stay at the farm he had to stay in the same bedroom. I remember when he came for mom's 90th birthday. He was having trouble with stairs by then but between Max helping him and sheer determination Jimmy got to his bedroom!

Lots of discussions of Iowa football over the years!

I will miss you dear cousin! See you on the other side, Catherine

Catherine Nedved - September 30, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ Thank you Jim and family for creating a welcoming environment for the band back in the days of band practice at the Selby house on Pebble PI. You and family always created a very accepting and welcoming environment for kids to let out our artistic energy, keeping us kids from otherwise getting into trouble. You had no problem turning up law and order while we were practicing. The band will cherish these memories and hopefully some day we can pass on the support to our kids/their friends, following you as the role model. I'll miss you Jim!

Eddie Huestis - September 27, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ Thank you Eddie!!

Pat Selby - September 30, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ Jim, I have so many enjoyable memories of you and our lively debates/ discussions that will be with me forever. Thank you and Pat for adopting me when I was living in California and continuing to include me in your family for so many special celebrations through the years. You will be missed and will live on in my heart for the rest of my life!
With love and sadness, Kim

Kim Woods - September 27, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ Lots of memories Kim!

Pat Selby - September 30, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ Thank you Jim for always being so sweet and funny! I remember always being at the house while the boys were getting into some sort of mischief and you put up with their shenanigans. I remember you getting so excited to show me all the cool posters at the house and then coming to Aaron Brothers to get them framed where we talked about music. It was always such a treat to see you and Pat. You guys raised some incredible kids, especially Andy whose friendship I hold very near and dear to my heart. You will be missed and loved by all

Diane E. Phillips - September 26, 2020 at 01:41 AM



“ Love you Diane!

Pat Selby - September 30, 2020 at 08:54 PM



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Joan Stark - September 25, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ Joan: I love the picture and remember the trip out to Briggs Woods! Thank you for sharing.

Pat Selby - September 30, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ Thank you Jim for providing many interesting discussions on a range of topics! I always enjoyed them. Cooper and I loved our visit to St. George. Thank you for having us at your house. We also enjoyed the Thanksgiving we shared with you a few years before that.

Love, Patricia, Stephan, Cooper and Claire.



Patricia - September 25, 2020 at 04:44 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Jim and family



Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah - September 25, 2020 at 04:05 PM



“ Thank you Jim for putting up with years of heinous amounts of noise that your son and I made during band practice. And also thank you for being so understanding and patient after I spilled 2 cans of white paint all over the floor in your garage. As unique as you were, you actually really reminded me of my own dad, a history buff, sports enthusiast and a good hearted, family oriented man cursed by a son with an affinity for trouble making and obnoxious music. You will be sorely missed and will live on in our hearts forever.

Dan Nevares - September 25, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ Thanks for sharing this, Dan. Brought us some much needed smiles and laughs at this time. And it speaks true to the kind of father he was - always involved in, supportive of, or at least, tolerated (lol) his children's hobbies and interests - even if that meant dealing with some spilled paint, etc. I'll always appreciate and cherish that.

Andrew Selby - September 25, 2020 at 04:43 PM