



James Allan Wheeler

February 23, 1942 - March 15, 2020

James Wheeler, 78, passed away at his home in Hurricane, Utah on March 15, 2020. He is survived by Mimi, his wife of nearly forty years, and five sons: Joe (Katrina), Gerry (Rebecca), Greg (Shelly), Geoff, and Eric. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren: Alexis (Alexander), Quillan, Morgan, Reilly, Jordan, Aisia, Noah, Kaytlyn, Ashton, Logan, Jaden, Dylan; and two great-grandchildren: Rex and Ryker. Jim has three brothers: Bill, Tom, and Bob.

Jim was born on February 23, 1942, in Toledo, Ohio, to his parents, Leslie and Constance. After high school, Jim joined the Navy, spending eight years sailing the oceans on the destroyer USS Fred T. Berry, teaching at Great Lakes Training Center in Chicago, and deploying to Vietnam on the LSD USS Gunston Hall. After being honorably discharged, Jim worked for Ryan Aeronautical in the Philippines. Once stateside, Jim reunited with his old Navy buddy Joe Pedroza, working together at Pacific Bell (AT&T) in San Francisco for several years. Jim then took what became his favorite job in Hawthorne, Nevada, where he met Mimi. After Hawthorne, Jim's travels commenced again, moving with Mimi to Colorado, Hawaii, Arizona, Colorado, Nebraska, Colorado, and finally Utah.

During his life, Jim was an avid participant in endurance sports, completing an Ironman triathlon in Kona, as well as many other triathlons, bike races, marathons, and ultramarathons.

A memorial service will be scheduled for some time in the not-too-distant future in Hurricane, Utah. Jim will be laid to rest at the Summit City Cemetery in Summit, Utah, with military honors.

Cemetery Details

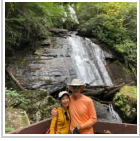
Summit City Cemetery

Summit, UT

Events

Details are pending.

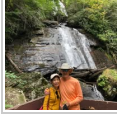
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Robert Wheeler - March 18, 2020 at 09:31 PM



Jim was my Big Brother.

I remember one time riding the bikes in Utah while visiting Mimi's Sister. We were going down a hill and I was ahead. About the time I hit 35 mph, I started braking. Next thing I know, Jim has caught up with me and as he passes me, he asks me why I'm braking. Hell, I'm scared! 😬. That was Jim! He pushed himself to excel and pushed me (I still kept braking). No fear!

Another time when we were much younger, we were playing touch football in the street. Jim had thrown me a deep pass. I knew I had to catch that ball or Jim would clobber me. Every one was yelling, so I was really focused looking back at the ball.....right up until I ran into a parked car. Wow! That hurt. The thing is, I really got good at catching a football! Years later playing flag football in San Francisco with a group from work, there we were again, Jim throwing the ball and me catching it. Boy, did we kick butt!

I remember the first time I arrived in San Francisco. Jim and his buddy Joe (yes Joe, I'm talking about you) took me out on the town. And like everything else, Jim would party just as hard as he played sports. I still don't remember what happened that night. Maybe Joe can tell me. I do remember that every time I was out drinking with Jim, I was always worried what kind of trouble he was going to get me in. He liked to push the boundaries. 😊😊

I could go on forever telling Jim stories. So many stories over the years. We had a lot of good times. It's hard to believe we won't have any more. I will miss you Jim!

Robert Wheeler - March 18, 2020 at 10:27 PM

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“ I am grateful for the times we spent together here in Arizona, mostly playing tennis. Jimmy was so dedicated to his triathlete regimen that he often played tennis in his running gear. We had many a great time while he was here, laughing over a couple of beers after a match. He spoke of his great love for endurance sports and of course Mimi and his family. I am thankful that I got to know him, even though it was for a short period before he moved on once again. His spirit for living was a great example for all of us....

Mike Touzeau. Rest in peace, Jim.

Mike and Linda Touzeau - March 18, 2020 at 07:47 PM

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“ Wanda Griffith sent a virtual gift in memory of James Allan Wheeler



Wanda Griffith - March 18, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ Mimi and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Jim being gone is a loss for all of us. I so enjoyed my many conversations with Jim, particularly those regarding competition and endurance sports. He was a true competitor and sportsman. I was looking forward to doing another team triathlon with him at the Huntsman Games and I am very sad that won't happen. Love to all of you, and our thoughts are with you... David

David Moyle - March 18, 2020 at 02:19 PM