

James William Powell

October 31, 1948 - July 14, 2018

James William "Jim" Powell, 69, of Oregon City, Oregon, born October 31, 1948, passed away gently July 14, 2018 in Milwaukie, Oregon.

Born in Portland, Oregon, the son of Fred Powell Jr. and Sibyl Stinson Powell, Jim was the great, great grandson of Oregon Trail pioneer, Jackson Powell, who homesteaded in Gresham in the 1840's, and the beloved brother of Bob, John, and Caroline Powell. After attending Gresham schools, and PSU, Jim went on to become a Portland Police officer, retiring as Sergeant. He proudly conducted Oregon's 234th National Guard Army Band for thirty years, sharing his French horn and vocal talents, as well as playing with the Oregon Symphonic Band. Jim and his wife Donna, built a home in Oregon City, raising their daughters, Melissa and Marianne, while enjoying the love of rural life, neighbors, and their church family at First Baptist Church of Oregon City. Jim carried a song in his heart, a concern for others, and always a smile and a joke to share. He is survived by his daughters, Melissa and Marianne as well as his siblings.

Services for Mr. Powell will be at the First Baptist Church of Oregon City, 819 John Adams St, Oregon City, 97045 on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 2pm and at Willamette National Cemetery August 14, 2018 at 11am. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to First Baptist Church of Oregon City.

Cemetery Details

Willamette National Cemetery

11800 SE Mt Scott Blvd
Portland, OR 97086

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 4. 2:00 PM (PT)

First Baptist Church of Oregon City
819 John adams
Oregon City, OR 97045

Military Honors

AUG 14. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



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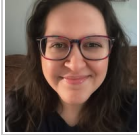


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Jim was an amazing and generous person! My friendship with Jim started when I and a friend started cleaning his house shortly after his wife passed away. We quickly found things in common, one of which was a love of band music, and particularly the woodwind and brass sections. Jim taught my daughter how to play the French Horn for her senior project, and he soon was involved in volunteering his time helping other students at OCHS. He helped to start the first car show that helped raise funds for the band and for H.O.P.E. (Help Other People Eat), a charity that was close to his heart. Jim was someone that I truly admired, he a great role model and was a blessing to everyone he met. You are loved and will be missed! Diana Dunkle

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“ *I was in my early teens when I met Jim. I was an awkward teenager and going through a lot of problems that I felt I could not share with anyone. Jim gave me his ear, understanding and words of wisdom and comfort. I can't begin to tell you how healing and therapeutic this was for a depressed young person who otherwise felt alone in the world at that time.*

Years later I joined the 234th Army National Guard Band and was appreciative of being able to perform musical numbers along with Jim and the rest of the band members that I consider as my family to this day. Jim's singing was one of the highlights of our performances and I know the audience always enjoyed his beautiful voice.

Jim will be very much missed and I pray for comfort and strength for his family during this time of sorrow. I know that Jim was a Christian and I am confident that he, along with his beautiful wife Donna are in God's Loving Hands right now.

Earlene Barton Rosin

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