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James “Jim” Eugene Campbell was born on June 1, 1959, in Oregon, where he also passed away. After college Jim spent several years in Arizona, where he met and married Marlene Shaw. Together they built a life across Nevada, Indiana and Montana, raising two children along the way. Their years together were filled with adventure, laughter and boundless curiosity. Following their separation, Jim shared his life with Mary Helen Peterson. He warmly embraced her and her family as his own, weaving lasting connections that became an enduring part of his story.

Jim first earned a bachelor’s degree in Pharmacy, but, ever in search of new challenges, he returned to school and earned another in Chemical Engineering. That second career became his lifelong work; and like everything he did, he approached it with sharp intellect and a knack for solving problems that stumped others.

Jim was the son of Richard and Joyce Campbell, who preceded him in death. He is survived by his brothers Bob (Emma) Campbell and Garrett (Kimberly Strong) Campbell. He leaves behind his children, Ian Campbell and Erin Campbell, his daughter-in-law Johanna Schmitt, son-in-law Scott Hinshaw,

and his grandson and namesake, Levin James Campbell.

Known for his offbeat sense of humor and lovable idiosyncrasy, Jim brought charm and unpredictability to life. He was an avid BMX rider in his younger years, a lifelong Oregon Ducks fan and a dedicated guitar player. He had a contagious enthusiasm for classic rock and his knowledge of rock and roll history was expansive. But his greatest musical devotion was to Bruce Springsteen, having seen The Boss live more times than his family can count. Jim loved to travel, with destinations that included Mexico, South Africa, Hong Kong, and Germany. Yet no matter how far he roamed, his heart was always tied to the Oregon coast: a place he cherished from childhood vacations through adulthood.

Jim's presence was unforgettable: sometimes serious, often silly, always unmistakably himself and always the smartest person in the room, though he wore his brilliance with humility. Jim will be remembered not just for what he did, but for how he lived; with curiosity, humor and heart. And for those who knew him, his distinct, infectious laugh will echo as one of his hallmarks.

A private family service will be held.

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