



James D. "Jim" Lawrence

October 28, 1951 - February 18, 2024

On Sunday, February 18th, 2024, James D. Lawrence, Jr. lost his short hard-fought battle with cancer. Jim was born on October 28th, 1951, in Butte, MT, to Jim and Ann (Mandic) Lawrence.

Jim graduated in 1970 from Butte High School. He went to MT Tech for a few years, worked for the Anaconda Company, and then in 1977 he went to work for Reardon Plumbing and Heating where he finished his apprenticeship in plumbing. Jim was a proud member of the Local 41 Plumbers and Pipefitters of Montana Union. In 1988 Jim worked for Walsh Plumbing and Heating and then in 1993 he started Brown Plumbing and heating with Joe Novack, and he retired in July of 2012. Him loved plumbing and loved his customers (including their dogs). He was Butte's favorite plumber and when it came to plumbing Jim knew his "shit"!

Jim met the love of his live, Judy (Cobb) Lawrence, his senior year of high school. September 24th, 2024 would have been their 50th wedding anniversary. Jim and Judy went on to have two sons, Jay and Jory Lawrence. He loved his family and always made sure they were taken care of.

There may not be anyone that loved Butte as much as Jim!! He loved the outdoors, and all that Montana has to offer. When he wasn't working, he was snowmobiling, camping, motor bike riding, driving to Wise River or Jack Pot,

or washing his trucks! Jim was a kind and caring person, and he made a lot of friends throughout his life and his adventures.

Jim is survived by his wife Judy, sons Jay (Mickey) and Jory, grandchildren Tanner, Tyler, Rella and Hudson, and his sister Sharon Stewart (Jack) and Pam Shires (Jim). Jim is also survived by cousin and good friend Bob Chamberlin (Pam), sister-in-law and brother-in-law Mary Jo and Rick Wells and numerous nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws Fred and Ruth Cobb and his dog Moose.

Jim's family would like to thank his family and friends for all their support and a special thank you to Stillwater Hospice and his nurse Tina for the compassion she had for Jim.

A private entombment of ashes for family will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28th at Mountain view Cemetery Mausoleum and a celebration of life will be at noon at the Butte Country Club for family and friends.

Memorials may be made to Albert's Angel Fund, 699 Centennial Ave., Butte, MT 59701, a non-profit that helps animals (www.albertsangelfund.org) or to the Spreading Faith Foundation, PO Box 802 Watersmeet, MI 49969, a non-profit that helps children with chronic medical conditions (www.spreadingfaith.org).

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

3910 Harrison Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 28. 12:00 PM (MT)

Butte Country Club
3400 Elizabeth Warren Avenue
Butte, MT 59701

Tribute Wall

DC

“ I am sorry to hear about Jim's passing. I feel bad that I didn't stay in touch with him over the years. I knew Jim when we were childhood friends, he lived across the street from me in McQueen. Sometimes we played hard and he got mad at me one time. I was bigger and there was a time when he threw a screwdriver at me, I'm glad he missed. Although, we did spend a lot of time together and were good friends. Our teacher, Mr. Satterley was washing his car at his mom's house in McQueen and he put his car in his mom's garage to keep it clean. Jim and I had a terrible idea, we snuck into that garage and pelted Mr. Satterley's car with eggs. It wasn't long and Jim's mom and dad found out about what we did and Jim was spanked for using their eggs and pelting Mr. Satterley's car. Lucky for me, my parent never found out. Jim definitely left us too young, I celebrate his life and my condolences to his family.
Dan Cloninger

Dan Cloninger - March 10, 2024 at 10:28 PM

JG

“ Jay and family we are so sorry to hear of “Big Jim's” passing! He was such a good guy and we will sure miss him! All our love John Grinolds and family 😞

John Grinolds - February 22, 2024 at 11:58 PM

DA

“ I first met Jim when we worked together at Reardon Plumbing. He always had a smile although there were times when you had to really wonder if he was telling a fib or not. I enjoyed working with him and he along with many of the others I worked with at that time would tell you Jim was going to do great things. He was a man among men.
Darlene Allen

Darlene Allen - February 22, 2024 at 11:38 PM

CW

Judy and boys - I am so terribly sorry to read of Jim's passing. You all are in my thoughts tonight. 💜
Charlene LeProwse Warren

Charlene Warren - February 23, 2024 at 03:05 AM

BS

Judy, Jay, Jory and families, my deepest sympathy in your loss of Jim. He was a great guy. May all your memories of better times carry you through this difficult time

Bobbie Stodden - February 23, 2024 at 09:34 AM

JB

“ Judy, Jay, Jory, and family, words cannot describe how sorry I am about the loss of Jim. He simply is one of a kind. He has always been one of my favorite people. He had a heart of gold. He was also somebody you never wanted to bet against. He never made a bet unless he knew he would win. May all the great memories that you have made with Jim over the years get you through this difficult time
John Burke

John Burke - February 22, 2024 at 11:37 PM