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James "Jim Jim" Scott Kaufman, age 45, passed away on March 22, 2017, at Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, Idaho. He was surrounded by many family and friends who loved him dearly.

Jim Jim was born April 25, 1971, at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. The first child of James P. and Charlene Kaufman, a lifelong resident of Boise, and 4th generation Idahoan. He was very proud of his family heritage. He attended Jefferson Elementary, West Junior High, and Borah High Schools. He was an enigmatic character, full of life, generous in his actions, and very loyal. His friends were lifelong and have many stories of

his antics and escapades; discussions of which always bring a smile. He generally had on him his "to do list" which consisted of people to see, place to go, and movies to watch. He enjoyed counting the laughs of the day and always told you how beautiful and special you were. He meant this. He touched many lives throughout his own and he will be missed more than words can express.

Jim Jim had an astute understanding of the world and worked hard at whatever he was doing, no matter what the task. He was a fabulous chess player. Working on a fishing/processing boat in Alaska for a period of time, he played chess with all comers. If he won, they paid him \$5.00. If he lost, he paid them \$75.00. He never had to pay out that \$75.00. Jim Jim was known for his love of the old, large, gas-guzzling cars. If a car got more than 10 miles per gallon, it was not acceptable. The longer the hood, the better. His favorite TV channel was the car channel. He knew all the specs and details about what we refer to as "the old boats." Jim Jim grew up in the "Brady Brunch" era and was always nostalgic toward that time period; preferring the vintage over the contemporary. He marched to his own beat and did things his own way. It was his style. He did not bend to fit the norm. He made a lasting impression on all who met him. He affectionately referred to others he cared about by the cute nicknames he would give them, which were many. He was Jim Jim and will always be remembered for his unique talent of making everyone feel like they were someone special in his book.

He and his wife Elizabeth, "Lips", married on October 31, 2016, and have two bright and spirited children: Sydney Girl and Carson City, as he called them. They were the light of his world and he realized how blessed he was to have them. He put forth his efforts during these last years to being an excellent father and being there. It was important to him and he did not waiver in this responsibility. Jim Jim was not one to possess many material things in life, but was generous with what he had at any given time. It came as no surprise that Jim Jim chose to be an organ donor. Now three individuals have received continued life as Jim Jim's final gift.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Samuel Kaufman Jr. and uncle George Kaufman. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, children Sydney and Carson Kaufman, stepson Bryson King, parents Charlene and James P. Kaufman, in-laws Sue and Kevin Bentley, sister Samantha Kaufman Sutherland (Scott), brother Jeffrey P. Kaufman, grandmothers Helen Kaufman and Mary Glynn, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A special thank you to the doctors, nurses, and staff at St. Alphonsus Hospital's Emergency Room Services and Intensive Care Unit for their compassion and understanding shown to the Kaufman family and friends. Also, a thank you to the organ donation coordination team at Pacific Northwest Transplant Bank for their support and guidance.

Donations are being accepted at Idaho Central Credit Union in the name of "Sydney Girl and Carson City Education Benefit Fund."

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 707 N. Eighth St., Boise, on Saturday, April First, 2017 at 2:00 pm. A Rosary Vigil will be held in the Chapel at the Cathedral on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 6:30pm. Private Family Burial will be at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Summers Funeral Home.



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You will be missed. I always smile and think off you with a smile. Merrie  
Beth Golling

March 31, 2017

Dearest Jim Jim,

You will forever be in our hearts and will be greatly missed by all the souls  
you touched in your short time on Earth.

Thank you for being exactly who you are and allowing the rest of us to  
have the freedom to do the same in your presence.

I will never forget our times together.

My Eternal Love,

Patrice Huntington

March 31, 2017

The first time I met Jim Jim, we were automatic friends. He came over to  
my house the night we met and we played cribbage for hours. After that I  
would get random drop-ins just to play some cribbage, and I was always  
happy to oblige. I can't say I have ever met a happier, more kind  
individual than Jim Jim. It has been a few years since I have seen him,

since we both had children, but I will miss him just the same. God speed  
Jim Jim. I'm sure you will make a fabulous angel! :)  
**Shelle Brashears**

March 30, 2017

My heart has been aching for weeks. You were one of a kind and I shall miss our visits. I love you Jim Jim. See you on the other side.

**Aunt Loretta**

March 30, 2017



Jim Jim and his 1971 Cadillac El Dorado

I'll miss you brother

**Jeffrey Kaufman**

March 30, 2017

**Elaine O'Bleness (Gordon)**

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