



James Charles "Jim" Shaw

November 26, 1950 - August 16, 2025

James Charles Shaw, 74, of Ferndale, Washington, passed away peacefully on August 16, 2025, surrounded by family. Born in Le Mars, Iowa on November 26, 1950, Jim lived a life marked by courage, humor, hard work, and unwavering love for his family.

Jim spent his early years in Iowa before moving to Bellflower, California. He proudly served his country as a veteran of the Vietnam War, a chapter of his life that shaped some of his strength and resilience. In 1979, he married the love of his life, Heidi, and instantly embraced the role of father to four children—something he took to with his whole heart.

He spent over 30 years working as an electrician at Mobil/ConocoPhillips, where his dedication and strong work ethic earned the respect of those around him. He was the kind of dad who raised his kids to chase their dreams and work hard. Jim loved his role as Papa and was known for his quick wit, his talent in the wood shop, and the special nicknames he gave to those he loved. He worked tirelessly to provide and protect, and he took great pride in being present for the people who mattered most.

A craftsman at heart, Jim could often be found building something thoughtful and practical for a friend or family member. He loved rifle shooting, fishing, and getting lost in the pages of a Louis L'Amour novel. And above all else, he

loved doting on his wife, Heidi—his constant companion through life's highs and lows.

Even during his journey with kidney failure, which brought many challenges, Jim found joy in the quiet moments—especially the heartfelt visits with his adult children, who continued to draw strength from his humor, wisdom, and steady presence.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Heidi Shaw, and his six children: James Shaw (Catalina), John Shaw (Mara), Jeff Shaw (Jen), Joy Rubey (Dustin), Merrilee Grospe (Joe), and Thomas Shaw (Amy). He was a proud grandfather to Erika (Zach), Alex (Sam), Lauren (Sam), Katie, Alana, Brianna, Savannah, Tanner (Hailee), Micah (Trina), Morgan (Austin), Mason (Carlie), Janessa, Landon, Wyatt, Angelica, Tristan, Eli, Ana, Lizzy, Lola, and Alysa, and a beloved great-grandfather to Wren, Paisley, Noel, Maddox, and Ezra.

He is also survived by his siblings Sandy Stone, Lee Ann Kane, Faye Vlieger, and Don Vlieger. Jim was preceded in death by his mother Mary Ann Vlieger, his father Willard Shaw, and his stepfather John Vlieger.

Jim's legacy lives on in the lives of those he loved so fiercely

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“ *My deepest sympathies to the Family. Jim was one of my favorite people.* ”

Paul Ruggles - August 19, 2025 at 12:00 AM