



James Taylor McMullin

November 26, 1942 - April 8, 2020

McMullin, James Taylor

James (Jim or "Jimmy") Taylor McMullin passed away suddenly of an arrhythmia heart attack April 8, 2020 in his chair at home. Jim was a local boy, born in Utah but came to Santa Barbara when he was 4 years old. He was the son of Carma Taylor & Floyd H McMullin, a Civil Engineer who helped design the Bradbury Dam at Lake Cachuma. Jim was a Wilson Wildcat & one of "Van's boys". He also attended Harding, La Cumbre JHS, and SBHS (Class of '60) where he formed many friendships that are still close to this day. After retiring he enjoyed staying in touch with "Class of '60" and other friends, spending many Tuesday mornings at the Breakwater Café sharing their stories.

In 1972 Jim married the love of his life, Barbara. They made a great team, even though he worked and played with an intensity that was sometimes hard to keep up with. Jim's spirit really soared in the mountains, he was a true outdoorsman who loved hunting & stream fishing. He was an avid mountain biker, loved the desert, off-roading with cars, motorcycles, and ocean fishing on his boat exploring the Coast and the Channel Islands.

Jim became a licensed General Contractor 1976 forming McMullin Construction, a successful independent general construction firm. Jim was a talented builder who gave extraordinary service to his clients many of whom became life long friends. He was very organized, a leader in all he accomplished. He built custom homes, completed residential, commercial/industrial remodels & developed small condominium projects. It didn't matter to Jim if you were a laborer, supplier, subcontractor, architect or owner, he treated everyone equally. Jim gave & received the deep respect of those he worked with, especially Luis Valerio, his loyal foreman who became a close friend. Jim was always there to offer help or give valuable advice to someone if they needed it & he was greatly appreciated by those who received his generous assistance. Jim lived life on his own terms: he did not deviate from his strong belief that being very honest, straight-forward, telling it "like it is" and that his handshake was his bond.

In his later years Jim solidified his Faith by returning to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, his family religion. He became very involved in Family Search, tracing the lineage for many families, including his own. Through his "Indexing" efforts, where the Church is digitalizing old census & birth records, he was able to reunite many people with their ancestors. Jim was ordained to the Melchizedek Priest hood as an Elder & was set apart as a Family History/Temple Consultant.

Jim is survived by his loving wife and life-partner, Barbara, & his brother, Floyd "Taylor" McMullin. Those also grieving his untimely death are Barbara's family, his many cousins throughout the country, and friends across the spectrum of life.

Jim's will rest in peace at the Santa Barbara Cemetery. Due to the Corona Virus, a memorial service and celebration of life will take place this summer. This tribute will be on the Welsh Ryce-Haider Website: www.wrhsb.com for anyone wishes to leave a "Jimmy Story" .

Tribute Wall

JB

“ It was an absolute pleasure getting to know you Jim, I wish I got to know you better. You were my kind of guy. You are loved and will be missed. My deepest condolences to Barbara and the rest of your family. Love Jonathan Birch

Jonathan Birch - May 01, 2020 at 03:13 PM

LT

“ Lesli Cheverez True lit a candle in memory of James Taylor McMullin



Lesli Cheverez True - April 24, 2020 at 10:16 PM

BM

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Barbara McMullin - April 23, 2020 at 04:54 PM

HN

“ *It is always too early when you lose someone you loved. We have met Barb and Jim*

25 years ago when Barb fell in love with horseback riding and got her first horse Josh. They were looking for a place to board and found us at the Hope Ranch Riding Club. From then on we have been very close friends. Jim would come over daily with Barb and they were riding the Hope Ranch trails with Barb on Sunny (her 2nd horse) who was really fast and Jim on his Mountain Bike keeping up with them. Jim was loved by our dogs and horses as he always had treats for them. Jim helped us a whole bunch with our remodeling project and when something broke in the barn, he was always there to help. Jim was just a honest and giving guy. It was either this or that but nothing in between. You always got face value from him. We miss him dearly And we will help Barb to ease the pain of her loss wherever we can. You Rip Jim. Hilo and André



hilo nick - April 23, 2020 at 12:59 AM

BM

Thank you Hilo & Andre..That was a magical 25 years for us, riding the trails & More Mesa ... so much fun.. he is riding Sunny in the heavens... friends forever..love Barb

Barbara McMullin - April 23, 2020 at 08:58 AM



That's a lovely story and a wonderful memory. I too remember hearing about their adventures on the trails 🙌😊

Peter Claydon - April 23, 2020 at 11:23 AM

LC

I have had the pleasure of working for Jim and Barbara on their properties over several years. I will miss Jim and his great stories about his motorcycle days and other great times. He was always fair and respectful with me and all the tenants. Always thoughtful. He definitely had his opinions about great and not so great vendors in the Santa Barbara area. His work ethic was so good that he could tell right away when someone was not up to par. Still he was patient with a few cuss words under his breath. He was a very special person. RIP Jim and I picture you riding your motorcycle everywhere with no pain! Lori Clements, Clements Property Management.

Lori Clements - April 23, 2020 at 06:05 PM

BM

Thank you Lori.. he always appreciated your diplomacy & your opinion, as do I couldn't have done it without you..friends always, Barb

Barbara McMullin - April 24, 2020 at 02:03 AM

ND

“ Another wilderness trip with the gang!



Nancy Diaz - April 22, 2020 at 09:01 PM

BM

Great Photo Nancy & Jasso..Thanks!! Barb

Barbara McMullin - April 22, 2020 at 09:07 PM

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Barbara McMullin - April 22, 2020 at 08:08 PM

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Barbara McMullin - April 22, 2020 at 12:06 PM

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Barbara McMullin - April 22, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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Barbara McMullin - April 22, 2020 at 10:25 AM

MH

“ Watching the video of the service for Jim at Santa Barbara Cemetery uplifted me in an unexpected and funny way... You can hear background racket made by the cemetery gardeners that made me smile. I thought to myself that Jim would feel right at home and comfortable with the noise of power tools swirling all around him!

Marie Hayes, now living in Chicago and missing you, Jim, and early Santa Barbara days

Marie Hayes - April 21, 2020 at 10:48 PM

KN

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR MY GOOD FRIEND PASSED AWAY. THE PICTURE IS WILSON SCHOOL (WILDCATS) 1948. 72 YEARS AGO. JIM IS IN THE TOP RIGHT HAND CORNER, RICHARD HANSEN IS TO HIS RIGHT. THAT'S ME STANDING IN FRONT OF JIM.

GOING TO MISS YOU JIM

KEN NIRENBERG



KEN OR LYNETTE NIRENBERG - April 20, 2020 at 07:36 PM

BM

Thank You Kenny for sharing this.. Jim loved it and we have it up on our mantle.. I didn't realize that was you! Thanks so much..Barb

Barbara McMullin - April 21, 2020 at 10:14 AM

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Barbara McMullin - April 20, 2020 at 12:52 PM

JW

“ (I am a somewhat distant neighbor.) Trudging up Holly Road on my exercise regime, my spirits always rose when Jim and Barbara flew by (in their truck) with cheery waves, going off bicycling somewhere. They always looked so full of life.... A couple of times I ran into Jim loading refuse bins (which he took up onto the main road for pick-up) off or onto his truck. His cordiality and friendliness made me feel good.... A while ago he and Barbara asked how Bob was doing. I was a bit puzzled, as I thought he was referring to my neighbor Bob, with whom we had no mutual connection as far I as I knew. Things cleared up when it turned out he meant my family cat "Bob," who had in his younger years made his way (quite a way) several times to their place. I assured them that "Bob" was fine but older and not wandering anymore. I was tickled that he thought to ask after a cat whom he hadn't seen in quite a while.... Even though our paths crossed infrequently over the years, Jim's presence will be missed. My thoughts are with him and Barbara. -- Jan Wienpahl

Jan Wienpahl - April 19, 2020 at 11:15 PM

BM

Thank you Jan.. we loved it when Smokin Bob came down for a visit! Barb

Barbara McMullin - April 21, 2020 at 10:17 AM

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Barbara McMullin - April 18, 2020 at 04:03 PM

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Barbara McMullin - April 18, 2020 at 11:28 AM

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Barbara McMullin - April 18, 2020 at 10:21 AM

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Barbara McMullin - April 17, 2020 at 08:03 PM

EL

“ We are so grateful to have made a close connection with Jim over the last several years. As Eric's brother-in-law, Jim always made us feel like an important part of his family. It was fun to find out that Jim and Crystal (Eric's wife) are distant cousins. We loved following his spiritual journey and hearing about him reconnecting with many members of his family. His amazing work indexing census and other records will help people with their family history forever. Jim was warm, friendly and full of energy - always with a great story to tell. We love him and will miss him. Eric and Crystal Lovinger

Eric & Crystal Lovinger - April 17, 2020 at 04:45 PM

WE

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Welch-Ryce - April 17, 2020 at 02:48 PM

DO

“ *Godspeed Jim, you are one of a few men we trusted, enjoyed life with, and loved. You are as tough as nails and gentle as a lamb when necessary. A mentor, competitor, and boss. We will miss your friendship. Until we meet again Don and Shirley Kadlec*

Don - April 16, 2020 at 02:08 PM

LB

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Larry Basham - April 15, 2020 at 11:28 PM

LB

Jim helping others index records at the Family History Center.

Larry Basham - April 15, 2020 at 11:26 PM

MS

“ *Maurice Sourmany lit a candle in memory of James Taylor McMullin*



Maurice Sourmany - April 15, 2020 at 10:38 PM

JH

“ One of my fondest memories of Jim is when he taught me about “mooning”, as it relates to construction. I vividly recall day it all took place. My parents had hired Jim to help build their deck many years ago. I must have been 12 or 13 at the time. One day, I came home from school and there was Jim, all geared up in his construction clothes, tool belt and safety gear. I, of course, was in a tee shirt and shorts with my penny loafers on. I walked over to Jim, grabbed a hammer and some nails and began to assist. I was pounding away until Jim said, “Stop, you are mooning the wood”. “Mooning the wood?” I said. Lo and behold, he showed me exactly what he meant. Either I was hitting the nail too deep in the redwood or I was missing the nail completely, therefore I was creating moon shape indentations in the redwood railing, yikes! Little did I know back then that the lesson Jim taught me about “mooning” would still be me today, it is something I recall every time I pick up a hammer and nail. Not to mention wearing my penny loafers help to Jim build our deck. My special memories with Jim.

Jill Horst - April 15, 2020 at 06:36 PM

ND

Jason has a Jimmy story about "mooning," too. But it doesn't involve a hammer or have anything to do with construction.

Nancy Diaz - April 15, 2020 at 08:09 PM

BM

Jim just loved building your Dads deck & having his best helper come running home after school in your penny loafers.. he still said “there is my little Jill in her penny loafers” with great affection..thanks for the memories Jill ... love ya, Barb

barbara McMullin - April 24, 2020 at 01:44 AM

ND

“ Jimmy was an incredible friend! Over the past 20+ years I have heard multiple stories about the antics of Alfonso "Jasso" Diaz and Jimmy Mac! These two friends were fun-loving characters to say the least! Whenever Jasso told me stories about his many friends none stood out more than the stories of Jimmy Mac! Many tales were so comical that I laughed until I cried, and my sides hurt. I realize that these stories, like many of the tall tales told by Jasso, have been embellished and exaggerated over the years. But there is one constant, solid truth to all of them. Jimmy was special! He had a way about him that was unlike anyone we have ever encountered. Jasso's friends are many, but Jimmy was chosen by Jasso to be the Best Man at our wedding in 1999. Even during such a serious step in our lives, Jimmy found a way to slip in some of his humor! There he was, all slicked up in his black suit and black shoes, looking down he raised his pant legs to reveal his white sports socks! He was such a jokester! Jimmy is, was and always will be a best friend and a best man forever!

Nancy Diaz - April 15, 2020 at 02:26 PM

AM

“ My name is Ann Taylor Meyers. Jim Taylor McMullin is my first cousin. My Father Homer Taylor and Jim’s Mother’s Carma Taylor McMullen are brother and sister. It has only been the last few years that Jim and Barbara and my family and I have become reacquainted, but in that time, a deep love and eternal bond has been formed. There are not enough words in the English language to fully express how much I came to love and admire Jim. Jim is so genuine and real. He expresses himself with such honesty. Jim would be the last one to really see what a truly amazing person he had become on so many levels. I saw Jim grow in spirit in so many ways in the time I got to know him. He was truly a remarkable example to me and many others. I will treasure the conversations, the experiences, the smiles with his trademark wink, the tears we shed over tender family experiences, the love, the friendship, and the spiritual bond our family shared with Jim. I know because of the Atonement of Jesus Christ, this life is not the end. We will be together with Jim again. Until that day, we will hold all the precious memories of Jim in our hearts.💕
We love you, Jim ~ Ann and Family

Ann Taylor Meyers - April 14, 2020 at 11:20 PM

JH

“ My cousin Jim, has been a huge blessing to my life. It has been a privilege and joy to get to know him better the past 3 years. Jim's contribution of indexing and family history work has inspired me tremendously. Through his efforts he has helped many thousands of people to unite with their families. He told me just recently, ' My returning to the gospel after so many years, has been a journey that has brought profound Joy to my life.' Jim you have brought profound Joy to everyone's life that you have touched. You will be greatly missed.
Your cousin,
Joan Taylor Hoskins

Joan Taylor Hoskins - April 14, 2020 at 10:44 PM

KM

“ Jim started out as our contractor and became our good friend. In addition to being a skilled, knowledgeable, hands-on builder, he was a big, up front personality who enjoyed engaging with people with honesty, humor and a genuine friendliness. He lived life with a gusto that few in our experience could match, whether it involved racing a horse with a mountain bike, speeding across the desert on a motorcycle, or having four concrete trucks churning their loads in the driveway waiting for the final touches on foundation forms. It was our delight and good fortune to know Jim and we will miss him dearly. Kathy and Bruce

Kathy Stout and Bruce Mahall - April 14, 2020 at 09:11 PM

MH

“ *Homage to Jimmy Mack. No words can express how I feel and our shared loss.*



Mimi Hildbrand - April 14, 2020 at 08:57 PM

JO

“ *I have been privileged to have grown closer to Jim and Barbara over the past year-plus as they were so comforting and supportive of me when my mother Jean Taylor Young, Jim's Aunt, passed away last year. Family was very important to Jim; he and Barbara were thoughtful to keep in touch over the past many years. Jim was a thoughtful and loving person; he will be missed. Eternal Love, your cousin Jamie Olson*

Jamie Olson - April 14, 2020 at 07:57 PM

JB

“ Sometime back around 1986, Jim walked into our lives in Santa Barbara. He visited my architectural office looking for possible future work I might have for him. We hit it off right away and through that first greeting, I as Architect and he as McMullin Construction began a long term working relationship together on several projects around Santa Barbara.

Jim feigned a rough demeanor as a general contractor, but he was a gentle man, always caring as he represented honesty and a desire to do the best work for his clients.

He used to tell me of his daring cross country motor bike escapades in the desert where he took many bad tumbles, causing some physical pain lasting into his later years.

That was only part of his adventures of biking, fishing and other outdoor activities.

We enjoyed working together until I retired in 1988 and did not see Jim again until about 5 years ago when again he walked into my life at church. As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Jim had a keen interest and a special dedication in genealogy, working many hours on past generations for himself and other families. This was another example of how Jim put others first and dedicated himself.

We will miss Jim. He was so much fun and always gave big hugs to his friends. He indeed was a good man.

Jerry & Sandy Bailey

Jerry Bailey - April 14, 2020 at 07:40 PM

DB

“ In the mid 80's Jim picked me up at "The Wall" and put me to work. I worked hard and did everything he asked. At the end of the day he said "your one hard working son of a B***h", I'll pick you up here 7:30 tomorrow. He said I going to tell everyone your son, and he did. Jim always made me laugh, always had a great story to tell and gave me advice and support on some of the biggest decisions of my life. I always called him Dad and he called me his favorite son. I'll miss you dad. Hunt, fish, and ride in peace.

Durrell Brown - April 14, 2020 at 06:00 PM

MP

“ *Bye brother in law. Over the years we didn't each other often, but i always found you to be tough as nails when necessary, and kind and gentle the rest of the time. You worked hard, played hard, and enjoyed life as it was, and on your own terms as well. You are a gracious and wonderful man. One of the few that could, and did, make mountains out of mole hills; and beautiful mountains they were. God bless and rest your soul, and look after and be supportive of your darling bride, and my sister, Barbara. You will be missed.*

mike pollak - April 14, 2020 at 03:37 PM

FM

“ *Jim was the best brother who was always there for me. Jim was so kind and generous, ready to help anyone at anytime. Jim's unconditional love and kindness will be forever missed.*
Love, Your Brother
Floyd Taylor McMullin

Floyd Taylor McMullin - April 14, 2020 at 03:11 PM

WE

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Welch-Ryce-Haider - April 14, 2020 at 02:05 PM

DC

Jim was a really special person that I'm really happy to have known. I will forever treasure the times we spent together. Rest in peace my friend.

We love you,

Don & Cheryl Chiapuzio

Don Chiapuzio - April 15, 2020 at 01:12 PM

LB

I only met Jim three years ago when he called me on a Saturday afternoon to ask a question about family history/genealogy. He had found my name posted on our church website as a Family History Consultant. I didn't know who he was and had no idea how that phone call would lead to a great friendship! I was able to help him and the next week he attended my family history class. He told me that he had been receiving "promptings" that he should do his family history.

He became a regular in the class and was always the first one there to help me set-up. He soon learned about Indexing records, which makes online records searchable so descendants can find their ancestors. He realized this was his calling and he became dedicated to indexing names of old records so those souls who had passed would not be forgotten and could be found.

Over the next three years Jim indexed an incredible 95,003 records which was even more amazing because he was dyslexic. He often told me that he had no problem indexing but as soon as he finished, the dyslexia returned. True to Jim's way, he didn't want people to know how many he did and asked me to keep it to myself. Just recently he said that I could tell others in hopes that they would be motivated to index.

He was blessed to have occasional spiritual events where he felt the presence and gratitude of those people whose names he indexed. Jim was indexing when he had his heart attack.

On April 9th he received this message from the descendant of one of the people he indexed. "I found this record today that helped in my family history research. Thank you for indexing it as it made a difference for me and my family.

I am thankful for having known Jim and been his friend. I will sorely miss him and his texts.

*Till we meet again,
Larry Basham, DDS
Santa Barbara*

Larry Basham - April 16, 2020 at 12:05 AM