



## Jim Brennan

Dec 17, 1939 - Nov 7, 2020



James Arthur Brennan Jr. passed away on November 7, 2020 from complications of Lewy Body Disease.<sup>1</sup> He was born December 17, 1939 to Jim Brennan Sr. and Joy Brennan in Leavenworth, WA, where the story of an extraordinary life begins. A quote from the Leavenworth paper sums up his impact on his hometown: "LEAVENWORTH IS BRENNANIZED".

Jim tied the American ski jumping record, winning the US Championship in 1960 with a record-equaling distance of 316 feet. This rare ability to float thru the air on skis gave him the opportunity to travel the world as a member of the US SKI team from 1959 to 1962. During those years Jim won ski jumping titles around the world. He was honored to be Inducted into the AMERICAN SKI JUMPING HALL OF FAME in 2009.

Jim graduated from Western State College in Gunnison, CO with a master's degree in Education. He met Delean (Dee) in Gunnison where she was also attending college. They were married January 8, 1969 in Bend, OR.

Jim joined the faculty at Central Oregon Community College where his most important responsibility was as the coach for the COCC ski team. His boundless energy served Jim well when Dee decided it was time for him to get a job that did not involve traveling for months at a time. His perfect choice for this job was to become a Real Estate Broker. He was well suited for this career. He had a gift for helping people and never minded working long hours, as long as he could get to Mt. Bachelor to be the first in line on Powder Days. His summer passion of windsurfing, gave him yet another opportunity to fly thru air.

Jim will be greatly missed by his wife Delean Brennan, sister Jill Brennan, nephew Mike Brennan, niece Keely Brennan, sister-in-law Gay Brennan and favorite cousin Bob Stroup.

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No service is planned. In memorial, gifts may be made to the LEWY BODY DEMENTIA ASSOCIATION at: [www.LBDA.org](http://www.LBDA.org) or mailed to 912 Kilian Road SW, Lilburn, Georgia, 30047.

*A Niswonger-Reynolds Funeral Home Obituary*  
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1. Lewy body dementia (LBD) is a disease associated with abnormal deposits of a protein called alpha-synuclein in the brain. These deposits, called Lewy bodies, affect chemicals in the brain whose changes, in turn, can lead to problems with thinking, movement, behavior, and mood.

What is Lewy Body Disease?



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