



James Bowker

March 19, 1955 - September 28, 2015

James Romily “Doc” Bowker, Sr. (60 years old) quietly passed away unexpectedly, in his sleep on September 28, 2015 while visiting a friend out of state. Jim was born in Long Beach California on March 19, 1955 and resided much of his life in Canoga Park, California before making his final home in Hesperia, California for the past 32 years. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Nancy Jean (Burdick) Bowker; Son, James Romily Bowker, Jr. and wife Stephanie (Rodriguez) Bowker (children James Bowker, Jack Thomas Bowker, Alexandria Jayde Bowker, Alaina Lillyus Rodriguez-Spinks); Daughter, Amy Michele Bowker (children Grace Kathryn Prather, Faith Madeline Prather, Aubrey Lorraine Prather); and Daughter, Allison Marie Bowker; Mother, Annabell (Jenkins) Bowker, Brother John Chester Bowker, Jr. and wife, Angela Bowker (children Jaimie.....); Brother, Dale Edward Bowker and wife, Pamela Tuckett (children Thomas Bowker, Charles Bowker, and Sarah.... Bowker. He was preceded in death by his father, John Chester Bowker, Sr.

Jim served a two year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day-Saints in the Alberta-Saskatchewan/Canada Calgary Mission. Over the years, he never lost his deep love for the people there, and returned almost annually to visit them.

At the age of 16, Jim got his first job as a burglar alarm installer for PM Alarm Company, after which, he started his own alarm company called Mountain Man Alarm. He spent the last 38 years working as a locomotive engineer for the Southern Pacific Railroad which was later bought out by the Union Pacific Railroad. Jim’s fellow railroad friends affectionately called him “Doc” as he was known for wearing brightly colored scrub tops to work.

Jim was a larger than life character who often brought a smile to those around him. He quietly served others in very thoughtful ways, letting them know he truly cared about them. He will be greatly missed by many who were the recipients of his generosity, love and friendship.

Services will be held Friday, October 9, 2015 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located at 9533 Hickory Avenue in Hesperia, Ca. There will be a viewing from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, followed by the services starting at 2:00 pm.

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Nancy Bowker - October 31, 2015 at 07:21 AM



“ "Elder" James Bowker and I became fast friends in Alberta where we both served as missionaries from 1974 to 1976. We stayed in contact intermittently, mostly by phone, over the years. I will miss "Bowk's" magnanimous personality and sense of humor. He had a heart of gold. In my last telephone conversation with him, he spoke of possibly moving to Idaho sometime after his retirement -- and we spoke of future fishing trips that we hoped we could take together. He was one of the great ones, and I am so saddened by his unexpected passing. Rest in peace my dear friend. God be with you, till we meet again.

"Swiss Cheese & Coaldale, [Alberta] forever!"

Mike Larsen
Boise, Idaho

Mike Larsen - October 30, 2015 at 05:24 PM



“ Thank you for sharing, Mike. I know he appreciated the time he spent with you on his mission as he talked of it, and you, with only the best of memories.

Nancy Bowker - October 31, 2015 at 07:10 AM



“ As a son of "Elder" Bowker's mission president in Alberta & Saskatchewan, Canada-- where he served some 40 years ago--I remember his unfailing love for the people with whom he served. While he was fairly opinionated about many things, he was always willing to listen to others. "Elder" Bowker never failed to mail a Father's Day card and a B-Day card to his mission president each and every year since his service... Dad could always count on hearing from him during those times. Bowker has many, many talents and I am much wiser, more patient, and more loving because of what he taught me (including how to pick some lock's!). I will think of him often until I see him again. Randy Beckham

Randy Beckham - October 09, 2015 at 03:09 PM



“ Randy, thank you for your kind words. When Jim gave his heart, he gave it was forever. Jim loved your family, dearly.

Nancy Bowker - October 12, 2015 at 04:41 AM