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James (Jim) Joseph Benedict II, 61, died in his home on March 5, 2017. Jim was born on July 6, 1955 in Peru, Indiana to James and Annalee Benedict. Jim graduated from Oak Hill High School in Converse, Indiana in 1974. He attended Arizona State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1978. On April 4, 1981, he married his wife Marla Edstrom while working at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, California. They promptly moved and settled in Verdigris, Oklahoma. He worked at McDonnell Douglas, Rockwell, and Preston-Eastin all of Tulsa. He was also a former treasurer of the Claremore Seventh Day Adventist Church and a former volunteer firefighter with the Verdigris Fire Department. Jim was a kind, friendly, humble, funny man who loved his family and the Lord more than anything else. Time spent with his grandchildren is what he cherished most, along with eating dessert. Jim was able to put a smile on anyone's face. Jim will be dearly missed and his death leaves a void in our hearts that can't be filled. Jim was preceded in death by his father James and a brother Joe Benedict. Survivors include his wife Marla Benedict, daughter Lana Dipman and husband Brant in Claremore, his mother Annalee Benedict, four grand-daughters, Makenzie, Brenna, Avery, Jade, one brother-in-law, Gary Edstrom and a son. Memorial services will be at the Claremore Seventh Day Adventist Church in Claremore, at 3:30 on Sunday, March 12. Jim will be cremated and laid to rest at Floral Haven Cemetery, Broken Arrow, OK. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the Claremore SDA food pantry.



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LS

Linda Stoner posted:

Jim, you still live on in the hearts of all you touched with your warm smile and gentle care. You've gone on to bless others so we don't see you anymore but nothing can take away the pleasure of knowing you. Linda S.

March 30 at 7:04 PM

KW

Kay Waggoner posted:

Marla, you have always been like family to me. As a widow myself, it pains me to see another woman become a member of a club that none of us ever wanted to be a member of. My heart aches for you and your family.

March 14 at 6:55 PM

CW

Cynthia L. Williams posted:

Dear Marla and family, Since this tragedy occurred, I have spent much time thinking about all of you..... Marla, who I first noticed at Toll Jr. High School with the most perfect posture I'd ever seen and that long, long, blonde hair. It wasn't until Hoover High that we somehow found each other and became friends. We shared an interest in horses and spent hours riding the trails. Soon after, we discovered "boys." I remember when you started dating Jim and eventually we each married our sweethearts. Who could forget your wedding with your attendants getting food poisoning and me standing in as your Maid of Honor at the last minute. Then, it was off to Oklahoma for you and off to New York for me. We both began our adult lives.....buying houses, raising children, having careers. How I looked forward to your annual Christmas letter with your ever-interesting stories! We have both had many adventures over the years, but nothing could have prepared anyone for this terrible turn of events. My heart breaks for all of you but I know you will arise from the ashes like the Phoenix and continue living your life as you must. I am here when/if you feel like talking. Much love..... ❤️

March 14 at 9:06 AM

SD

Steph Darling posted:

Dear Marla and Lana, Jim was a awesome husband and a loving father. And he will be greatly missed, by all that knew him. Our love and thoughts are with you and we are keeping you all in our prayers, love always. Rick and Sandy and the Sterken Family.

March 12 at 8:57 AM



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TB

Tamara Binder posted:

Lit a candle in memory of James Joseph Benedict

March 11 at 4:52 PM

SL

Shannon Lepp posted:

Sent a gift in memory of James Joseph Benedict

March 10 at 5:13 PM

AG

Anthony Goodell posted:

Jim you were always so funny and so corny, you welcomed me kindly at church from the very first day. You shared things with me in a very real way. This is a tragic loss for the family, our church, and the entire community. You have left behind a family that you led to God, and that is a great legacy and the greatest thing a man can do for his family. I will miss your corny jokes and your kind eyes, always ready to say hi and shake my hand. Thanks for being a part of my life. We will meet again and sing together someday my friend.

March 10 at 1:58 PM

ML

Mae Lovgren posted:

Marla and Lana there are no words really to express such a deep loss the only thing for me is that I reach out to you heart to heart... I has been such a shock to everyone Jim and Marla have been so strong couple in our church always there to help. They love our Lord so much and most of all it show in how they treat and love people... They have helped me when I needed so much help and they always help with a warm and giving heart. This is so hard to process this loss Jim will always be missed in our church and community we love you so much Jim till we meet again Rest our dear friend in Jesus we will rejoice when we meet again love and hugs to all....

March 10 at 12:00 PM

MG

Mary Gammenthaler posted:

Our memories are enriched by the times spent with Jim and Marla sharing Thanksgiving dinners when our families were young. We will always remember Jim for his kind-hearted, caring manner and his fun sense of humor. Thank you, Jim and Marla, for your friendship and those sweet memories. Jim touched many lives and will be missed by so many. Mary Gammenthaler

March 10 at 11:42 AM



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PH

Pattie Quinn (Honey) posted:

In loving memory of Jim – our hearts are filled with gratitude for you are a loving man, husband, father, grandfather, and friend to all. Your loving ways caught the heart of our beautiful Marla and gave her so much joy, love, and happiness. This love you gave to your children and grandchildren as well as your neighbors, co-workers, and friends. We were honored to be part of your life – you will always be beloved and revered by all of us – thank you for your life of goodness which you so freely shared with all. May you be surrounded in the loving arms of our Heavenly Father and may peace be with your loved ones here on Earth. You have left a legacy of love, an example of gratitude, and a life of remembrances that will never be forgotten.

March 9 at 6:35 PM

SL

Shannon Lepp posted:

Dear Benedict/Dipman/Edstrom families. I really have no words to describe the sorrow I feel over Jim's death. You all are such a wonderful family and were so fortunate to have such a kind, thoughtful, funny man at the head. Though I haven't seen you alot lately, I hold dear memories of you all at church, Trevers birthday parties, and with Julius. I will miss his quirky jokes, Hawaiian shirts and bright smile. I love you all and know that I am diligently praying for you during this time of tribulation.

March 9 at 3:07 PM

RG

Richard Gammenthaler posted:

Jim was a true friend. He was always there and a true joy to know. I will miss him.

March 9 at 3:02 PM

RB

Rachel Goff Belmon posted:

Marla, I will absolutely miss my Maple Drive Daddy! This tragedy will not overshadow all the funny memories and stories we all share. I'm so happy I was able to grow up being loved by the both of you.

March 9 at 10:12 AM



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MB

Marla Benedict posted:

My dear husband. You do not know how much you are loved by me. I want to hear your quirky, funny stories again so bad even though I have heard them for 36 years. I want to see you sitting on the couch watching TV waiting for me to get home and share some time with you. But I am so going to miss not having you at our wonderful church and you with all your Hawaiian shirts that you loved so much to wear and going out finding all the good food deals at the restaurants with weekly trips to Claremore's Carl's Jr. Using the text specials and Thursdays at Taco Bueno for the \$0.59 tacos and any other special that came along eating at Asiana, Zios, El Chicos with all the coupons we would get and our latest was rediscovering Golden Corral and how much you were loving it a couple weeks ago when we ate there. I will forever never feel the same in a movie theater without sharing that big bag of buttery popcorn at the Super Saver dollar theater along with a soda and watching so many different movies lately. I really enjoyed those. Even Diva our cat will miss sitting behind your head on the couch as you sat there watching the TV or reading a book which was one of your favorite pastimes especially lately on all the good uses for vinegar. We were going to have such a good time trying to lose weight together here and keep our bodies healthy so that we could enjoy each other for a long life for another 25 maybe 30 years was our goal. It was cut way too short by a son that we loved so much but he didn't seem to comprehend that. I'm so sorry it all turned out as it did but you kept with me all these years even with us dealing with his problems. I love you so much for that. You knew the value of your marriage and you kept with it through thick and through thin for 36 years You were a great man Jim Benedict. Love you forever. Marla

March 9 at 6:38 AM

SY

Sylvia posted:

My condolence to the family of Mr. Benedict. May you find comfort among family and friends. John 5:28,28 promises that we will see our dear love ones again. What a glorious day that will be! Till then we must rely on the God of all comfort. With deep respect, Sylvia

March 9 at 5:46 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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