

James Alan Brailsford

JULY 9, 2019

James Alan Brailsford, beloved husband of Rita, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at the age of 77 years. Born on August 17, 1941 in Macoun, Saskatchewan, he was a dearly beloved husband, son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend and will be greatly missed.



Jim was a talented artist, and exceptional person who touched the lives of the many people he met throughout his life. His father worked for CPR so he spent some of his childhood in Souris, Manitoba and his family later moved to Estevan, Saskatchewan where he met his wife Rita. They married in 1961 while Jim was serving in the Royal Canadian Navy (1960-1963). Jim and his wife Rita moved from Victoria, B.C. to Regina and he started working at the Sherwood Co-op (1963-1973). He then went on to become the Creative Advertising Director from 1973-1996 at the Regina Leader Post. Upon retirement Jim started his sign company, Adventure 54.5 and kept at it for the next 22 years.

Jim enjoyed all types of music, dancing and visiting with friends. He had a wonderful sense of humour and loved hearing and telling jokes. He liked house boating and fishing on the Boundary Dam and going to the Regina Pats hockey games. He looked forward to holidays in Nanaimo during the summer and winter to help out around the farm. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved life and was always happy to meet new people. Above all, Jim's wife and family were the most important part of

his life.

Jim was predeceased by his father Thomas Stendall Brailsford and mother Alice (nee Crawshaw). Left to cherish his memory is his loving family; wife Rita (nee Gervais); daughter Shalene (Darshan) and their children, Danika, Shamus, Genevieve and Shaun; son Aaron (Tracy) and their children, Kelsey, Shaun and Brianna; great-grandchildren Jackson, Shaylah, Scott, Stella, Juliet and Eleanor; brothers Gary and Don (Glorie), and sister-in-law Jean; many other sisters and brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews and cousins; as well as numerous friends and business associates.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Hall of the Regina Eagles Club, 1600 Halifax Street, Regina, SK. Private family interment will be held in Riverside Memorial Park at a later date. A special thank you is extended to the staff of the Wascana Grace Hospice for taking such great care of Jim in his final days. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Salvation Army in Jim's memory. You are invited to leave a personal message of condolence at the family's online obituary at: www.MyAlternatives.ca

The Heavens have opened up and accepted a new member to watch over us all and keep us safe.

Messages of Condolence

Dear Aunt Rita and family,

We would like to send you all our deepest sympathies on the passing of Uncle Jim. I remember how much fun he was and how he always made time to chat and talk to us when we saw him. He was a fun, loving man and joy to be around. He will be missed dearly and always remembered. Love you all always and you are always welcome at our home. Hugs auntie and family.

You are so lucky to have an angel like Uncle Jim watching over you.

— **Jim and Denise Samenook**

To Shalene and Darshan and the entire family,

My deepest condolences on your loss. Your father seemed to have enjoyed his life to the fullest. May he rest in love and peace.

— **Marietta Arciaga**

Condolences to the entire family on such a huge loss. Jim will be missed.

— **Kelly and Andrea Friess**

Our deepest sympathy Rita and families .

I have good memories of the time we spent together at the dam. Will remember those good old days.

— **Diane Olson -Messham**

Jim was a great guy and we remember some of the great times we used to have in the back yard. He will be sorely missed

— **Dave & Sandi Beckett**

Rita

I am so sorry to hear about Jim. We spent many wonderful days with you guys at the dam and visiting with you in Regina. He will be missed . Thinking of you .

Lindsay, Paul , Jesse and Jaime

— **Lindsay Collins**

Rita we are so sorry to hear of Jim's passing! We have a lot of great memories spent with you and Jim and your family on the house boat and at the house boat spot out at boundary. Thinking of you all! ☐

— **Paul, Carla, Landon and Preston Audet**

My childhood memories are full of laughter, pranks, dances and jokes that Uncle Jim always brought to our family gatherings. This will keep me smiling through the tears. So sorry I can't be there with you all during this sad, sad time. My deepest sympathy to Auntie Rita and family. Xx

— **Nicola Brailsford**

Rita, Shalene, Aaron and family I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. Jim was a special & genuine man who I always felt a connection with. I have very fond memories of him and I know you will miss him dearly.

— **Kent Dool**

My deepest sympathy to Rita and all of the family. Jim was a great person and will be missed by all who knew him. I know I will miss seeing him in the neighborhood with his bike or old truck. He always took time for a chat and had such a warm smile. Blessings to all.

— **Cathy Kunitz**

We cherish the wonderful times we shared with Jim and the family. Jim was a real joy to be around. We will share our times we had together for many years to come. Love you all

— **Sue, Henry and Geff Haslam**

Our condolences on a the loss of a great man. Our thought are with you all.

— **Kat and Barry**

Our deepest condolences to Rita and the entire family, such a huge loss, Jim will be sadly missed by many

— **Val and Jeff**

My family is deeply saddened by Jim's passing.

He always had a smile, a joke and always made you feel welcomed especially if you liked to dance - I will always remember how fun it was picking peas with him - even in the blazing sun.

Our heartfelt condolences

— **Margaree Porteous**

"Jim" I don't even know where to start!!!

He was everything a person could be, kind, funny, loving, always around when he was needed to help you with any problem. As our friend we will miss the fantastic times the four of us had together for so many years.

Paula (Ott) & Jack Hurford

— **Paula & Jack Hurford**

My Deepest Sympathy Rita, Blessing's to you Rita and all your family. RIP.

Betty Ann Hawman (Hallmark Cards)

— **Betty Ann Hawman**

My sympathies and condolences go out to Rita on Jim's passing. He was a good friend. Jim and I were in the RCN(R). He will be missed

— **Don Volpel**

Deepest condolences to you and all your family..when I meet Jim it was like he already new who you where. A very funny man made me laugh right off the bat when I meet him..such a good soul may you rest in peace Jim

— **Marijana**

Our heart goes out to you Rita and family. Jim was truly a special person he always had a big smile and made you feel welcome whenever we seen him. We had many good times dancing in our earlier times and going out for supper in the later years.

We will truly miss you Jim! ☹ ☹ ☹

— **Alan & Linda Thackeray**

Rita, Shalene, Aaron and family,

I was so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was such a wonderful person; so full of life and always fun to be around. I remember him trying unsuccessfully to get me up on the dance floor and from that moment on, whenever we met, he'd greet me with "want to dance?". We'll all miss him!

— **Karen Gill**

Dear Rita, at a loss for words. Although we cannot be at his Celebration of Life in person, we will be there in spirit. Our deepest condolences.

— **Ken and Betty Eskdale**

Our deepest condolences Rita. We keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers during this sad time.

— **Marni & Brian McKnight**

Aunty Rita and O'hana - I am so very sad to hear of Uncle Jim's passing... The village weeps with you. I will forever remember his contagious laughter, sense of humor, amazing spirit... and his motorcycle. Much love & aloha to you all.

— **Bobbi Blackford**

It was such a pleasure to have known Jim and worked with him at the LP. He had the most infectious smile and had a way of bringing out laughter in all who had the pleasure to have known him. I am so sorry for your loss. May your memories be of some comfort to you now.

— **Jeannie Huber**

Good memories of us and laughs when we got together in Estevan. Always a pleasure to be in his company. RIP old Bud.

— **Russell Beston**

I looked up his name on the web and found an article from the October 10, 2008 Leader Post about his 52 Chevrolet 1300 truck. The care he took of this vehicle is indicative of the way he loved and cared for his work, his art, his home, his friends and particularly his family. My late husband, Joe and I were fortunate to be his and Rita's friends. He will be missed terribly. My love to you, Rita and your whole family.

— **Carole Didier**

I just finished going through some old photographs ... many wonderful moments captured of laughing and dancing with Jim, and lovely pictures of Jim and Rita together, as they so often were. Loved every moment I got to spend with the two of you. Such joy and such fun. They are precious memories I will treasure always. Sending lots of love your way, Rita - to you, Shalene, Aaron and your entire family. XO!

— **Christine Trapp Longley**

We are so sorry to hear this news. God Bless you Rita and Family. XO

— **Pete & Pat**

We are truly saddened by the loss of Uncle Jim. I have so many memories of time spent with him and his family. Sorry due to other circumstances could not attend his celebration. You will see us very soon. God Bless all of you

— **Darla & Brad Moffatt**

Rita and family, I just learned of Jim's passing and was very shocked and saddened. He was definitely a Brailsford with all of his antics. Sorry we couldn't be there to support you. Take care.

He will be missed. RIP Jim

— **Don, Lyla and Darren Cowan**

So sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I had the pleasure of knowing him for many years and always enjoyed bumping into him at the Pats games. Rest in Peace Jim.
Sympathies to all of Jim's family at this difficult time.

— **Tyler Wolfe**

So glad to have connected with Jim and the Brailsford cousins a few years ago.
Sorry we never got together before he passed.

— **Terry Burton**



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