



James Taylor Rock

March 6, 1942 - June 25, 2010

Longtime Yreka resident James Taylor Rock passed away June 25, 2010 in Medford. He was 68 years old. James was born March 6, 1942 in Abilene, Kansas to Kenneth and Marjorie Rock. He attended and graduated from Abilene High School as well as attending Fort Hays State University in Kansas and the University of Arizona. In 1979, James married Mary Ellen Blair in Reno, Nevada. James was an archeologist with the Klamath National Forest for 30 years, where he worked to preserve historical cultural resources. He was a registered Professional Archeologist and a registered Professional Historian. James lectured on historic artifact identification up and down the west coast, and he worked on many archeological digs throughout the Southwest. James also ran Rock Consulting while Mary Ellen ran The Book Store. James is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen and a brother, Kenneth W. Rock of Fort Collins, Colorado. No services are scheduled.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary Ellen: Although Jim and I have not been close since we left Hays, we were very close during those three years. I thought of him often and the times we spent smoking pipes in his basement apartment. Mac Reed shared this sad news to the attendees at the Sig Ep reunion last night. Please accept Cathy's and my deepest condolences. Will there be a named memorial?* ”

Ron Sandstrom - July 10, 2010 at 05:51 PM

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“ *Extending my deep and heartfelt sympathies to you, Mary Ellen, and to your families. Getting to know Jim, another Kansan, while working with him at assorted Historical Society Museum activities over the years was always a great pleasure. He truly was one of the "good guys" and shall be missed.* ”

Donna Bruner Goodland - July 01, 2010 at 03:45 PM

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“ *I just saw the obit and am shocked and so sorry, Mary Ellen. Jim was such a great guy and so knowledgeable, it's a tremendous loss for you and everyone who knew him.* ”

Louise Wagenknecht - June 29, 2010 at 06:41 PM