



Jim Walker Childre

February 26, 1935 - December 13, 2019

Longtime Yreka resident Jim Walker Childre passed away on December 13, 2019 at Madrone Hospice in Yreka. He was 84 years old.

Jim was born on February 26, 1935 in Laurel, Mississippi to Rufus and Lora Childre. When Jim was three, the family moved to Gilchrist, Oregon, where he attended school. Jim entered the U.S. Army at the age of 18, became a paratrooper and attained the rank of Sergeant. In 1961, he started his career with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF, now CalFire.) He worked his way from Engineer up to Captain during his 45 year career, working throughout Northern California. He retired as an Air-Attack Captain. He enjoyed building large model airplanes, and was a member of the American Model Airplane Association.

Jim is survived by his wife and lifelong friend, Linda Childre; three children, Julie, Douglas and Jeff Childre; and numerous grandchildren. He was loved by many.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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“ I met Jim when he worked for the Six Rivers NF as a AD Air Attack. He often came over to the Klamath NF to recon for fires. As an aircraft dispatcher on the Klamath NF in Yreka, we would flight follow him and take his fire reports as he came across them. We all loved having him up in the air with his eyes in the sky. My condolences to his family. He was a cool guy.
Mary Gausen

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“ I first met Jim in 1981 when he was a CDF Captain at Del Norte Fire Center in Klamath California. He was loved and respected by all the Corps members. I had the pleasure of working with him again in 1999 where he was working as an Air Attack at the Fortuna Tanker base. When he retired from Cal Fire we were honored to sponsor him on the Six Rivers NF as an AD Air Attack. I cherish the memories of Jim, and miss him a lot. My condolences to the Linda and the family. Sincerely, Kathy Hodnett

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