

James Obie McLain

December 31, 1942 ~ June 28, 2021

Due to complications related to cancer, on the evening of June 28th, 2021. James Obie McLain (Known to his grandchildren affectionately as Grumpy) passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family at the age of 78.

He was born December 31st, 1942, in Riverside, California to Robert and Ivy McLain, and eventually went on to live in Utah. Despite not receiving a proper education from a young age, he learned the value of hard work early, and it carried throughout his entire life. He was an industrious and untiring man who spent most of his career doing hard labor or roofing. Even in his later years he worked in every way he could until his body could no longer keep up with him. Anything from mowing the lawn and doing yard work, to helping work on the boat or building onto houses, he was always ready to help as he enjoyed being productive and keeping himself busy. He loved the outdoors, and always enjoyed the opportunity to go camping or fishing with his children and grandchildren, a passion he had since learning to fish on the pier and in the ocean as a young boy. He spent much of his spare time watching police and crime television shows or sitting out on the porch in the evenings with his son.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, and common law wife Lucille D. Melocarro-McLain, whom he spent many incredible years with before her passing.

He is survived and will be dearly missed by his two sons, James A McLain (50) and Jason A. McLain (48), his former daughter-in-law Heather L. Potter, Her husband Casey K.C. Potter, And his eight grandchildren Mathew J. McLain, Melanie M. Cyrier, Christopher R. McLain, Rebecca A. Smith, Casey K.C. Potter Jr., Taylor V. Potter, Tanner B. Potter, and Ashton N. Potter

As we mourn the loss of this treasured father, grandfather, and remarkable man. Remember this quote that once sat at his bedside and offered him comfort in loss.

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal."