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Jim D. Herndon, 70, of Broken Arrow, Okla., passed away at home with his family by his side after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Jim was born in Pampa, Texas, to Bobby L. Herndon and Vera Porterfield and moved to the Oklahoma City area in the mid-1960s. He graduated from Putnam City High School in 1971 and studied diesel mechanics at OSU-Okmulgee Tech in Okmulgee, Okla. From 1973-1975, Jim served as an electronics warfare technician in the U.S. Navy. Following his naval service, he continued his interest in electronics through positions at Telex Corporation, Phillips 66, Select Electronic Devices, and Century Geophysical.

Jim loved motorcycles, cars and racing, anything with wheels and the ability to go fast. He raced slot cars, radio-controlled cars and go-karts. He loved watching NASCAR, Indy car, and Formula 1 racing. After his retirement and during his illness, Jim continued his love of racing and electronics by building a racing simulator, which he enjoyed sharing with his grandsons. Participating in online racing competitions, Jim quickly moved up in the rankings while competing against people from across the country.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bobby L. Herndon; his stepfather, Ron H. Payne; grandparents, Lloyd and Leona Herndon and Clifford and Agnes Porterfield; and step-grandparents, Harold (Red) and Loraine (Honey) Payne.

Jim is survived by his wife, Laura Herndon, of the home; mother, Vera Payne; mother-in-law, Margaret Treude; daughters Jamey Stevenson and Jessica Herndon; stepson Josh Corbett and wife Kris; sister Diane Smith and husband Mike; brother Rick Payne and wife Jennifer; seven grandchildren, Devon, Trinity, Poppy, Tristan, Abram, Samson and Solomon; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at Sandusky Avenue Christian Church, 4424 E. 11th Street in Tulsa, Okla. Reverend Elizabeth Williams and Pastor Jimmy Foreman will officiate.

The family wishes to express gratitude for the wonderful care provided the Jack C. Montgomery Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Muskogee, the Ernest Childers Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Tulsa, and Rivercross Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made in Jim's honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **19**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Sandusky Avenue Christian Church
4424 E 11th Street
Tulsa, OK 74112

Tribute Wall



“ *Jeff Lowell lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Don Herndon*



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