



James (Jim) Clanton Williams, Mathematician/Software Engineer died October 23, 2009 in Bozeman, MT from complications related to COPD. Jim was born September 18, 1935 in Belle Fourche, SD to Frank and Isabel Williams.

He would have graduated from high school in 1953, but opted to earn his GED while in the service, and then later earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Mathematics from MSU, Bozeman.

Jim spent his childhood in Belle and joined the Navy as a Sea Bee. His tour of duty took him to places his brother Ken had been years before.

He lived many places in his life, including South Dakota, Alaska, California, and his winter home of Costa Rica.

Jim had many jobs in life, ranging from paper-boy and rock-crusher to professor, software engineer, and software development manager. He worked on

many road construction projects in Montana and the Dakotas, including Rocky Canyon, just east of Bozeman. He started working with computers in the infancy of the computer age. He worked at MSU Computing Services until 1983, and also taught in the Computer Science department during that time. In 1983, he moved to California to work at Honeywell LADC as communications development manager of CP-6, a mainframe computer OS. In 1988, he followed many of his former colleagues to Teradata, again as manager of the communications development group. He was well respected by colleagues and customers alike. He moved back to Montana in 1992, later returning to California to help his good friend establish WhiteCross's San Francisco Development Center. He officially retired in 2001.

Jim's love for math and computers was shared with his eldest son, his love for reading and travel with his daughter, and his outdoor activities and conviviality with his youngest son.

He is survived by his three children, Donald (Emi), Christi (John), and Frank (Robin); grandchildren, Josh and Lilly; great-grandson Leander; brother, Ken (Kay); ex-wives, Nancy Williams and Laurie Shammel, and friends too numerous to name.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Marjorie Ballew.

Please come raise a glass to Jim! Family and friends will be gathering at Spectators Bar & Grill, Wednesday afternoon, Nov 11 (Veteran's Day). A memorial will be held summer of 2010.

Donations may be made directly to your local VA.