



On Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008, our beloved husband and father, Jim Winjum, left our "earthly family" to join God and his "heavenly family," following his battle with cancer.

Conrad James "Jim" Winjum was born July 7, 1933, in Great Falls. He attended Saint Mary's and Central Catholic High School. He lived most of his life in Great Falls, where he and his wife, Beverly (his sweetheart of more than 53 years) made their home and raised their four children.

Jim worked for several employers during his lifetime, including the Great Northern Railroad, the American Red Cross, the Anaconda Company, Gamer's Bakery and Eddy's Bakery, where he worked for more than 30 years as a route driver and sales manager.

Jim also served an army tour of more than two years during the Korean War and commented often that "He was never so cold in his life."

A true natural athlete, there was no sport that Jim did not excel in. He played football, basketball and baseball in high school; golf and softball into his 60s, and even won many bowling titles. He contributed to his community by coaching basketball and Little League baseball for many years.

A true outdoorsman, Jim loved fishing, camping and hunting, especially with his family.

He is survived by his wonderful wife, Beverly; his two daughters, Jamie Winjum Chapman and Susan Winjum Hutchins (Stuart); two sons, Jim Winjum (Christine), and Joseph Winjum (Denise); nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Jim grew up in the Great Falls area with three sisters and a brother, Virgie Bennett, MaryLee Carte, Connie Thompson, and Thomas Winjum; and many nieces and nephews.

Papa was a truly wonderful storyteller and the only fisherman that we know of who could turn fishing into a contact sport! He was a great family man - loving, kind, considerate of others, and a pure joy to be around. He had an incredible sense of humor, even in his last days! Even though our dad is in a better place now, we will all miss him terribly.