



James Norlan Olson (Jim) of Bozeman, MT died at his home after a valiant struggle with cancer on Saturday Oct. 23 at the age of 64.

Jim was born October 7, 1946 in Sharon, ND to Vern and Helen Olson. He grew up and attended Finley ND Public School. Upon graduation he attended Wahpeton State School of Science, the University of North Dakota and Mayville State University.

Jim had an enthusiasm for life which included his lifelong passion for the automobile business. He worked for Overvold Motors, Corwin Auto in Fargo, ND and Nereson's in Detroit Lakes, MN. In 1999, he moved to Big Sky country and for the past 11 years was sales manager at Ressler Motors in Bozeman, MT. He was well respected for his knowledge of the auto business by his peers. For Jim it was never about the cars, but about the people he served, mentored and worked with.

One of his special qualities was his ability to easily make friends of which he had many everywhere he worked and traveled.

He had a special fondness for his 1967 Chevelle SS (first new car) and the El Camino SS which made up his classic car collection.

Jim absolutely loved the outdoors and was an avid golfer and expert fisherman. He also enjoyed snowmobiling, four wheeling, bird, gopher and big game hunting.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Vern and Helen Olson. He is survived by his very special friend, Barbara Ruppelius; a daughter, Miriam Hanson, Detroit Lakes, MN; his brother, Curt (Orella) Olson, Audubon, MN, and sister Lona (Charles) Ballard, Virginia Beach, VA; three grandchildren; three nieces and two nephews and his special puppies, Tia and Molly.

A Funeral and Interment Service is scheduled at the Finley Lutheran Church, Finley, ND on Thursday, Oct. 28 at 11:00AM.

If desired, memorials may be made to: John Hopkins Medical Institutions, Attn: Dr. R. H. Hruban, 401 North Broadway, Weinberg 2242, Baltimore, MD.