



Jim Keeline

September 5, 1938 - November 19, 2014

James H. Keeline, age 76, of Spirit Lake, passed away Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at his home in Spirit Lake. He was born on September 5, 1938, in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to John B. Keeline II and Jennie Mickelson. Jim graduated from Cherokee High School in 1958. He owned and operated See Alaska Inc. guide service for 32 years, before retiring to Spirit Lake. During his retirement, he was able to travel to many different areas of the world hunting and fishing, with his favorite travels being to Africa. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and helping Jeff Baker at Real Life Designs in Spirit Lake.

Jim is survived by a sister, Joan O'Leary, and her husband Pat of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; brother, John Keeline, and his wife, Thais of Colorado Springs, Colorado; nephews, Kevin O'Leary (Claire Burton) Toronto, Ontario, Mike O'Leary of Florida, Jim O'Leary (Shelly) of Hamilton, Ontario, John Keeline (Mona) of Skiatook, Oklahoma and Andy Keeline (Jennifer) of Calhan, Colorado; niece, Christine Charter (Tom) of Houston, Texas; and many great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Celebration of Jim's Life will be held at 1:00P.M. Saturday, November 29, 2014, at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home.

The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

SO

“ Jim...was my Dad...I met him in one of his many hunting trips around the world..but this one was in Moyowosi in Northern Tanzania, I met in the airport and went straight to camp we talked like we knew each other, called me his Pal!asked me if ever wanted to see how hunting is like in Alaska...And that's how it all started, He made me become a man by teaching me to be a hunting Guide...from the jungle of Africa hunting Lions to Icy Bay Alaska hunting Brown Bear.Jim is very Strong and I'm sure he is sitting in Heaven keeping it Real! R.I.P Big Dad!

Shaban B./ Orondi - March 26, 2016 at 08:44 AM

JF

“ Our Christmas card to Jim was returned on December 21, with his name crossed out and see Alaska written above his name. I googled that and Jim's obituary popped up. Sad to hear of his passing. We met on a flight to Africa and chatted together almost all the way. We really hit it off and have shared greetings every year for a long time. Great guy. Rest in peace.

Jim Fellman - December 22, 2015 at 12:12 PM

CC

“ I guided for Jim in the spring out of his Dry Bay camp from 1990-93. He's been sending me Christmas card ever since our paths parted and occasionally called to check on me if my card seemed too late in return. After receiving this years card with The "Final" Hunt on it I looked him up online and found out the sad news. The world has lost a true character and I have lost a piece of my personal history. Rest in Peace buddy.

Charly Culbertson - December 30, 2014 at 07:12 AM

KK

“ I was saddened by this news, and unfortunate I could not make it. Jim was a very unique person. Through his generosity, he sponsored my friend Shaban from Africa to come study in the USA and he lived with him. Shaban finished his degree in Iowa Lakes Community College and further went to study at the University of Nebraska Omaha. I met Jim through his sponsorship and enjoyed countless visits to his place. He took me to my first fishing trip to South Dakota and made me a dish that later became one of my most favorite food - Halibut fish. He was an excellent chef and pray and hope that his soul shall rest in eternal peace.

Kirunda Kiruthi - December 27, 2014 at 02:13 AM

KP

“ For some reason I was thinking of Jim this morning. I haven't seen him in many years and was wondering what he was up to. Reading his obituary saddens me no end.

I knew Jim from my years of living in Juneau, Alaska. I asked him if he'd like to go camping and fly fishing with me up in the Yukon and he readily agreed to go. Jim was a real outdoorsman and a very likeable guy. I tie fishing flies and Jim gave me a few pheasant skins some of which I still have.

My sincere condolences to his family and friends. I'm better for having known him.

Ken Perdue - December 05, 2014 at 11:44 AM

LH

“ Jim and I would sit on the porch and watch the cars go by as we talked about life. Whenever I was in need of advice, a straight forward answer, or just someone to talk to I knew I could go to him. I really admired him. He lived the life that most only dream about! He was never one to put up with any garbage and would always tell you what was on his mind. I am blessed to have know him and honored to call him my friend. I will never forget him.

Larry Hoover - December 01, 2014 at 01:22 AM

JJ

“ Today we celebrate your life. We are unable to come to your service today but know that our heavy hearts are there. It was a pleasure having you with us as a friend and sharing a weekend of deer hunting with us our family and friends. Everytime Jeff and the boys shoot a duck they will think of you. Everytime Cindy takes out her shot glass collection she will think of you. You always brought her one from wherever you went all over the world. She especially remembers the hand painted one. You truly lived an exciting and adventurous life being outdoors loving nature and all of Gods creatures. Great memories...great man...great hunter...great friend! You will truly be missed by all who knew you. RIP.

Jeff & Cindy Jensen - November 29, 2014 at 11:21 AM

MI

“ Always opened his home to our family and friends to share his hunting trophies and stories. Jim was a very interesting and friendly man. He will be missed.

Marty Irwin and family, Marcus, Iowa - November 27, 2014 at 04:06 PM

JF

“ A PLEASURE TO HAVE KNOWN THIS INTERESTING INDIVIDUAL!

JIM FLISS - November 26, 2014 at 07:41 AM

PS

“ I first met Jim when he walked into our business, Estherville Aviation in 2005, and approached me about maintaining his airplane. He was always easy to work with and generous by encouraging me to fly his Citabria. I know it was hard for him to sell the airplane, but I am thankful I could help him with that in 2009. I was blessed to know him, though only through work.

Paul Slaughter - November 25, 2014 at 07:59 PM

CS

“ Jim Keeline

Chad Schuchert - November 25, 2014 at 03:03 PM

PC

“ Jim, dear friend, you did it! You lived the life of those junior-high dreams... outdoors, hunting and fishing in Alaska... Blue Bear was a bonus that's now your legend! May you, also find blessings in your eternal rest.

Phyllis Smith Rekemeyer '58 classmate - November 25, 2014 at 12:39 PM

BC

“ Rest peacefully Jim-I got to know Jim thru my taxidermist Jeff Baker, Jim would always come to my trophy room with Jeff to hang or move mounts as a great lover of hunting, I was also President of our local chapter of SCI so we would always have a lot to talk about-I will miss you Jim!!! Bob Correa

Bob Correa - November 25, 2014 at 09:00 AM

BF

“ good hunting buddy

Barry forbes - November 24, 2014 at 07:35 PM

DD

“ Jim served on the Board of Directors of the SCI Sioux Empire Chapter in Sioux Falls SD. Because of Jim's love of hunting and the outdoors, he was very compassionate about our club's mission of youth hunter safety, conservation and education projects. He was a very devoted Board Member and will be missed by all of us who were fortunate enough to have known him and call him our friend. RIP

Donna Mitchell, Executive Director - November 24, 2014 at 06:13 PM

ER

“ So sorry for your family loss, Jim was known to me since high school through my friend, his brother John, and over the years at class reunions. He had a fascinating and memorable life. May he continue to follow his hunting in internal life.

Elizabeth Smith Reynolds - November 24, 2014 at 05:02 PM

TA

“ I always enjoyed seeing and chatting with you at AllPets. You were a good man and spoiled your dog's more than anyone I know. You will be missed by many Jim. Peace to you.

Tani Anderson - November 24, 2014 at 12:08 PM

PH

“ Our condolences to the family. Jim's sister was my Classmate and still a very good friend.....so Jim was always "the little brother" to me. Sorry to hear of his death. Blessings to all.

Pat Osterling Hegg

Pat Hegg - November 22, 2014 at 05:39 PM

TK

“ We will miss Jim dropping off the dogs, and bellowing out "SNOOP" as she ran happily up to the kennel door. We met Jim with his first Mr. Bear, and now Snoop and Bear are without their "Dad" He showed us his compassionate side with how much he cared for his pooches. Miss You Jim!

Tom & Suzi at Heartland Kennels - November 21, 2014 at 10:39 PM

DC

“ Chuck and I will miss our time spent with you when we came up to the lakes. My memories go way back to grade school, jr. high and high school in Cherokee. Will miss you dear friend. Peace be with you.

Doris Maffin Carlson - November 21, 2014 at 09:20 PM