



## Jim Stoddard

April 8, 2023

On Saturday, April 8, 2023, Jim Stoddard lost his years' long battle with squamous cell cancer.

Jim was born on 11/10/1942 in Indianapolis, and moved with his family to West Palm Beach FL when he was 2. After graduating from Forest Hills High School he enlisted in the US Army and volunteered for Green Beret training. As a Green Beret Jim served in Vietnam from 1962-65. After being Honorably Discharged Jim enrolled in Florida Atlantic University, where he was involved with Veteran student groups and earned a BS in Construction Management and an MBA. After graduating Jim worked as a project manager/civil engineer for various large construction projects.

In 1979 Jim moved to Aurora, CO where he raised stepsons Ken, Scott and Brett Isackson. After working at Stearns Catalytic for several years Jim returned to self-employed construction project management and real estate. In 1992 Jim began working as an independent civil engineer/project manager for projects throughout the US. In 1994 he settled in Ft Collins, CO where he met Linda, the love of his life. They married in 1995 and for the next 28 years they enjoyed riding Harleys, camping, traveling and tailgating in their RVs, and boating and fishing in Horsetooth Reservoir.

In 1999 Jim became a civil engineer/ project manager at CSU where he

remodeled and built many buildings, including the remodel of the Hughes Stadium. Jim retired from CSU in 2014, and when he wasn't riding or traveling he enjoyed "front porch sittin" with his dogs.

Jim was a proud 30 year member of the Special Forces Association and the Special Operations Association.

Survivors include his older brother Chuck Stoddard (Judie) and his sister-in-law Patricia Sheden (Daniel Budd). He was happy to be reunited with the Isacksons, Ken (Diania), Scott (Judy) and Brett. Jim was always proud of Linda's daughter, Lee Lucas (Raoul Maes) and her children, Brooks Fisher and Emma Lucas. Although estranged from Scott Lucas, Ali, Bryce and Connor Lucas all remained in his thoughts. Jim was preceded in death by his daughter, Kim Kennedy.

Jim will be missed by many good friends in the SFA/SOG and Wellington communities. His love and life lessons will always be cherished by his extended family. Jim will continue to be loved by his wife, Linda, who will hold him in her heart forever.

Because he didn't want to miss his last party, Jim's wake was held at Sparge Brewery on March 20, 2023 where he was able to say goodbye to many of those important to him. On Thursday, April 13, there will be a private family viewing and farewell at Goes Funeral Home following which Jim will be transported to Highland Cemetery for a 1:00 PM graveside service open to the public. Immediately after the graveside service there will be a reception for friends and family at the Stoddard's home (8195 Wapiti Dr).

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the Spargetoberfest Foundation at Meridian Trust Federal Credit Union to benefit Wellington youth, families, and veterans.



# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

APR **13**. 1:00 PM (MT)

Highland Cemetery  
9192 NE Frontage Road  
Wellington, CO 80549

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The best father any son can have would be jim Stoddard I will always rember you and cherish every moment I had with you thank you for guiding me in the right direction growing up love you dad*

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**Brett Isackson** - April 12, 2023 at 12:09 PM

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“ *Jim and I worked together at CSU for over six years. Our friendship developed through the years and 25 years later, I consider Jim one of my best friends. He was so happy and proud when I got married and he and Linda were at our wedding. In so doing, he made another friend in fellow Vietnam Army Vet, Bob Storck. The Storck family also asked me to extend their condolences.*

*My stay in the military was brief and inconsequential compared to Jim's. None the less, Jim always accepted me and considered me an equal, yet I never considered myself equal to Jim. I looked up to Jim and would strive to model my life after him. Jim was a warrior, patriot, friend, family man, mentor, and a man of principle. I consider it an honor to have known Jim all these years, to have learned from him, and to call him my friend. My family and I look forward to many more years of continued friendship with Linda and her family.*

*We love you all!!.*

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**Brian Hood** - April 11, 2023 at 03:42 PM

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**Scott Isackson** - April 10, 2023 at 09:22 PM



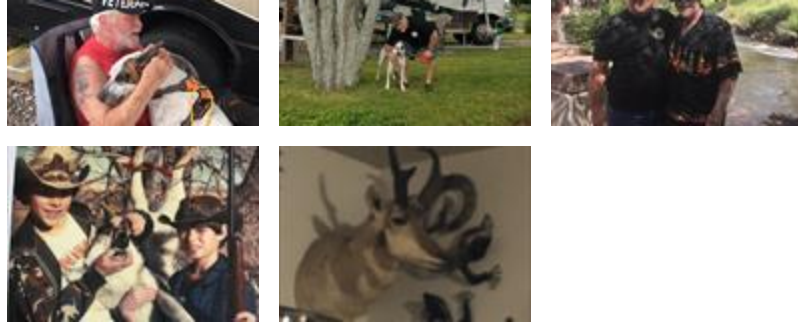
*Jim was a great mentor and very supporting with my military career. My father supported me when I tried out for the Navy Seals and I missed the cut. It was good feeling when Brett was reunited with Jim through Facebook and we were able to reunite where went on a few camping trips in Branson Mo, Gulf Shores Alabama, and Orlando Fl.*

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**Scott Isackson** - April 11, 2023 at 11:09 PM



“ Jim taught us everything we know today, he showed us what family was about, how important it is to respect one another, he mentored me through out my career in the military and was a shoulder for me to lean on when I went to combat in Iraq. We webby on many hunting trips, together we shot Wilbur which ended up being a Boone and Crockett record. I have it hanging up today and wok always remember that day. The papers even have his and my signatures on them. I worked with him on many of his construction projects, he was always so proud when we came with him to work. He showed up to all my football and lacrosse games and helped me get through high school. I know I'm skipping around but it's just how it's coming to me and I apologize. Now back to my memory. The day I left for the Army, I saw the look on his face. He was so proud that his oldest son was following his footsteps. We were in constant contact with one another especially once I received the call with the 101st Airborne to fight in the Gulf war. He wrote me every day giving me support. One of the things he told me was it was going to get loud, boy did it. I still hear the artillery. As the years passed we all got older, I was however able to get Jim his last ride in a Vietnam Huey with my brother Brett. He flew to Florida for a veterans event. I made sure he had a great ride and he got to sorted time with my MC, the Nam Knights Of America. I bond this club because of himxi wanted to support the Vietnam veterans, I even have both Linda and Jim shirts 27th the full emblem. He became an honorary member that day, he just didn't know it. Between all the camping trips, hunting trips, fishing trips, and the many road trips our journey never ended. It will never end I will always remember my father, the man who guided us to be somebody. I know he will be constantly watching from above, he will be my guardian angel always showing me the right path to walk. There are too many memories in my head all great family fun and togetherness, priceless times that will always be with me. Jim I love you and I wish I could of spent more time together we all do. Your my father, my friend, my brother in arms, your a husband and a leader, your my inspiration to drive forward. God bless you, and God bless our family.





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**Kenton Isackson** - April 10, 2023 at 09:02 PM



“ *Kenton Isackson lit a candle in memory of Jim Stoddard* ”



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**Kenton Isackson** - April 10, 2023 at 08:32 PM