

Jim Benge. March 8, 1936 -September 27, 2023



James "Jim" Benge died at his home in Logan Lake , B.C. in September 2023. He was 87. He leaves behind his wife Joan and daughter Angela Wells from England.

Jim was born in London, England in 1936. He served 2 years of National Service in the UK as a Dog Handler and had a lifelong love of dogs. Jim worked in pipe fitting and metalwork in the UK but his passion was for motorcycle racing.

In the early 1960's Jim raced in the UK and Europe in Motorcycle Sidecars but a tragic accident on the French racing circuit took him out of racing in 1962.

After recovering, Jim focused on other interests. He loved fishing and being on the water and was a keen duck hunter, along with his Labrador Retriever, Amber.

In July 1966 Jim emigrated to Canada to start a new life with life with his young family. He found work in Vancouver with Progressive Engineering and then with Industrial Equipment In Vancouver and Delta, B.C. as a Journeyman Steel Fabricator until his retirement in 1998.

Jim loved the outdoor life Canada had to offer and pursued several different hobbies once settled. He continued duck hunting in Vancouver, building his own duck punts and spending

Long hours with his Canadian Labrador Retriever, Drake, hunting ducks and geese.

Jim also went back to racing motorcycles, this time with dirt bikes, on weekends. In the winter Jim and his family enjoyed exploring the mountains on snowmobiles.

Living in Canada also allowed Jim to pursue his passion for shooting. He was a member of the Vancouver Gun Club, Barnet Rifle Club, and the Maple Ridge Rod & Gun Club, shooting trap, Rifles and handguns at various shoots in the Lower Mainland, Alberta, and the Pacific Northwest , USA.

Jim enjoyed exploring different types of shooting, one of which was Black Powder. For a time he also moved into archery, shooting a Black Bear with his compound bow.

He also shot trap, handguns, and rifles and settled into long distance shooting. He competed in many events including the BC Summer Games and in 1995 represented Canada as a member of the Canadian Rifle Team in New Zealand at the World Championship of International Long Range Rifle Shooting.

After retiring in 1998, Jim moved to Logan Lake, near Kamloops, B.C. where he continued to shoot competitively at the Kamloops Target Sports Association. In his study and loading room the walls are covered with plaques and medals too numerous to mention fully. Trophies, prizes and medals fill the room. He was a long time member of both the BCRA and the DCRA.

Jim leaves a legacy of dedication, precision, and achievement in his field, particularly in long range shooting. He loved the challenge it provided and the competition. He will be greatly missed and we are diminished by his absence.

No service by request.