



James McLelland

March 18, 1951 - December 15, 2024

James McLelland, age 73, of Newport, Oregon passed away December 15th, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

Born March 18th, 1951 in Tulare, Ca. He raised his family in California and earned his living in Accounting. After retirement in 2006, Jim moved to Arkansas to be near his extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents James Clayton McLelland and Margret Creekmore, his brother Clinton Dale McLelland and sister Manette Rolins, and brother John McLelland.

He is survived by his long time companion and spouse of 40 years Philip Muñoz, sisters Jamie Brazel, Lanette McLelland, and Renee Gray, daughters April Peracchi, Tiffene Nelson and three grandchildren Eden Peracchi, Ion Peracchi and Ethan Nelson.

Jim attended St. Stephen's Episcopal church in Newport, OR. He enjoyed reading, gardening, and spending time at home cooking and entertaining friends and family. Jim made an impression on many. He and Philip amassed life long friends everywhere they went. Jim is loved by many and will be dearly missed.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 11. 1:00 PM (PT)

St Stephens
414 SW 9th Street
Newport, OR 97365

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxX8G3wYXzzl7YNtW4Z3Uyg> St. Stephens this Saturday at 1 pm.

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Happy St. Patricks Day - I know this was always your favorite holiday.
Love you always and forever - Phil



Philip - March 17, 2025 at 12:31 PM

AP

“ April Peracchi sent a virtual gift in memory of James McLelland



April Peracchi - March 16, 2025 at 05:33 PM

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April Peracchi - March 16, 2025 at 05:32 PM

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AP

“ April Peracchi lit a candle in memory of James McLelland



April Peracchi - March 16, 2025 at 05:30 PM

AP

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



April Peracchi - March 16, 2025 at 05:29 PM

AP

“ April Peracchi sent a virtual gift in memory of James McLelland



April Peracchi - March 16, 2025 at 05:12 PM

AP

“ Happy 🎂 Birthday Daddy. On the 18th you would have been 74. I sure do miss you. I think about you everyday, and have to try really hard not to cry. You were the only man on this planet that sincerely loved me without wanting something in return. You taught me so much. I owe much of the person I am today to you. I'm grateful for the way you raised me, and the life you gave me growing up. Although it was very different from all of my peers, and oftentimes made me a weird target. it was still a good thing. To be unique in this world is a treasure, you taught me to appreciate that and to not want to be like everyone else. As an adult I enjoy my uniqueness. I know so many things that most people my age don't know, that was due to being raised the way I was. When raising my own children I find myself drawing from many of the lessons you taught me. I do this because of you. Many of the characteristics that I possess I have because of you. You're one of the biggest influences in my life . You always have been and you always will be. The Circle of Life keeps turning, and as it turns it brings changes. Soon it will turn in a direction that brings a new member to us. As an older family member leaves a new family member joins our tribe. Unfortunately he will never be able to meet you. But I will be there and he will know you through me. I'm no replacement for you, but I'm the closest he'll get. I'll do my best to instill in him all the things you did in me, and to help raise him as best as I know how. I will tell him about his great Grandpapa and what a unique individual he was, and how he will be hard-pressed to find another person like him in this lifetime. I will teach him the lessons that you taught me, that have served me so well in my life. I will introduce him to my other dad Phil, who will be another extension of you. We will keep you in our hearts everyday that we're alive. We will think of you fondly. You were funny, unique, tough, formidable, loving, intelligent, a good father, and a good son. The world was a better place because you were in it. I love you dad forever, and always. I dearly miss you.

Love your daughter April ❤️

April Peracchi - March 16, 2025 at 05:04 PM

MR

“ Dear Cousin Phil and family,
I am sorry for your loss. Jim was such a gentle, pleasant and kind man and faithful to God. I have included Jim in my prayers since his passing. Heaven with his parents and your parents will be such a joy and wonder. And of course, all our relatives who are there to welcome him including my Mom. Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
I send love and blessings to you Phi
With love,
Cousin Margie



margaret romero - January 26, 2025 at 04:38 PM

NC

“ When I was sent to serve at St. Matthew's, Both Jim and Phil made me feel very welcome. I was invited to your home where I was treated so well. I still have the plants that you gave to me. Be blessed Jim as you go to your forever home with Jesus and be Blessed Phil as you try to live your life without Jim. The Rev. Nancy B. Cook

Nancy B. Cook - January 14, 2025 at 11:58 AM

MT

“ Mike & Anita Torres planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James McLelland.

Mike & Anita Torres - January 10, 2025 at 06:02 PM

MT

“ Mike & Anita Torres purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of James McLelland.



Mike & Anita Torres - January 10, 2025 at 06:02 PM

PH

“ <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxX8G3wYXzzl7YNtW4Z3Uyg>

Could you add this link to the bottom where the Service is held at St. Stephens this Saturday at 1 pm.

Thank you - Phil

Philip - January 06, 2025 at 11:08 PM

FB

“ From Susan Bejeckian purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James McLelland.



From Susan Bejeckian - January 06, 2025 at 01:55 PM

PH

“ 2 files added to the album Jim at home



Philip - January 03, 2025 at 08:46 PM

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Philip - January 02, 2025 at 11:50 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Jim at home



Philip - January 01, 2025 at 06:56 PM

PH

Baby Jim

Philip - January 02, 2025 at 11:43 PM

PH

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Philip - December 31, 2024 at 11:52 PM

MR

“ Jimmy (and Phil) were my brothers from another mother, my chosen family. There are oh so many great memories of “my boys” across the street that I will treasure forever. Jimmy is whole again and planting his garden in heaven. Phil I will always have the utmost respect for you in caring for Jimmy all these years. Through you I witnessed God’s true meaning of unconditional love. What a testament of the life you two shared for over 40 years. I salute you my brother and am so proud to call you both “my boys.” I love you, “yo’ sister from another mister.”❤️❤️🙏

Melissa Reeves - December 31, 2024 at 10:25 PM

JH

“ Phil, we were so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. You are in our thoughts. Prayers for you and your families.



Judi and Harry - December 31, 2024 at 09:00 PM

GO

“ We have known Jim over 25 years cooked helped me with my drag days. He is missed may you RIP love always Jr & mark. Fresno ca.



GonzaloariasMarkBrooks - December 31, 2024 at 06:53 PM

MA

“ I don't know where to begin. Simply put, it's rare you find such a genuinely good person like Jim anymore. Kind, loving, quick witted and funny (correction: quick witted and hilarious). Fun to be with. His laughter was contagious. He always wore a smile. He always had a twinkle in his eye. One of the best cooks I ever met. Loved by so many. A true friend. I am blessed he was family. Thank you for that Phil. He was truly a God send. Special beyond measure and special beyond what words can describe. I am heart broken. Phil and family may you find comfort in knowing that he is at God's side enjoying the peace, beauty, and tranquility of heaven. I love you cousin Jim. Rest in peace.

Margaret - December 30, 2024 at 09:55 PM

SH

“ Jim and I met 40 years ago! Phil who I've known since grade school, later reconnected while working for McDonald's Company. Phil introduced me to Jim, his partner, and that began a fantastic journey of forever friends. Jim made us laugh and laugh again some of the stories and stuff he shared and shared! He was sometimes a walking encyclopedia! Also at time he was full of sh|£! But I loved him dearly. We spent many vacations together, over nights visiting and of course eating. The journey with Jim was memorable and I will always appreciate his friendship. Phil, I love You and am deeply sorry for your loss.



Sheri Hunt - December 30, 2024 at 09:52 PM

PM

“ 1 file added to the album Jim at home



Philip J Munoz - December 28, 2024 at 09:27 AM

PM

making menudo

Philip J Munoz - December 30, 2024 at 12:36 PM

AL

My most sincere condolences Phil. May he Rest In Peace.

Armida Lascano - December 31, 2024 at 09:39 PM

PM

“ I love you Jim - Phil

Philip J Munoz - December 28, 2024 at 09:20 AM

PH

Making Menudo at the kitchen table. Mom's recipe 😊

Philip - December 30, 2024 at 11:40 AM

PH

“ Philip sent a virtual gift in memory of James McLelland



Philip - December 28, 2024 at 08:02 AM