

James Leslie "Jim" Zwieg

June 11, 1951 - November 7, 2016

Graveside services for James Leslie "Jim" Zwieg, 65, will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Wheatland Cemetery in Wheatland, with military honors accorded by Laramie Peak VFW Post #3358, Ora Call American Legion Post #10 and Wyoming Navy Honor Guard.

Jim Zwieg passed away Monday, Nov. 7, at his home in Wheatland after a lengthy fight with poor health. Jim fought for several years with cancer, heart disease having had four heart bypasses, hearing loss accompanied by balance issues, kidney disease, and lung disease.

Jim was born June 11, 1951 in Cheyenne, the son of Lester and Virginia (Cook) Zwieg.

Jim was raised in Wheatland graduating from Wheatland High School in 1969. Jim went on to school getting his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and national credentials in Radiologic Technology. He graduated Summa Cum Laude and was elected into "Who's Who of Students in American Universities and Colleges." For 30 years Jim worked all over the country in radiology and for ten of those years he was a program director teaching radiology on the college level. In addition, he taught physics, anatomy, and physiology and statistics on the college level. After leaving healthcare Jim worked for WyoTech in Laramie, in the Physical Plant Department until his retirement in 2014 due to health issues. For several years he enjoyed owning and running a graphic arts business producing custom art for his customers.

Jim was in the United States Navy during the Vietnam era. He was assigned to ComSubPac out of San Diego, Cali. During his time in the service he received training as an electrician and as a nuclear power reactor operator. He worked with deep ocean salvage and rescue, mini subs, diving bells, and as admin assistant to the engineering officer maintaining salvage plans and blueprints for all Pacific Fleet ships and submarines. Jim received numerous awards and honors while in the service. During his time

in the service he met and married Barbara Morrison from Boston, who was a Naval Air Traffic Controller. He always said two of the things he will remember of his time in the service were when he got to be involved with making of the motion picture "Gray Lady Down" starring Charlton Heston, David Carradine, Christopher Reeve, and others. Jim and several other naval personnel were fortunate to get to be extras in the movie and actually had screen time in the finished film. The other was working deep salvage off the mouth of the Columbia River in the Graveyard of Ships to raise a sunken Coast Guard Cutter and recover the bodies of the crewmen trapped on board.

Jim was a past member of the American Legion, the Masonic Lodge, and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. He was an avid genealogist researching his family history back to the 1200's and he had a fondness for history and trivia. He enjoyed researching general and military history as well as reading about it. He was always reading some type of book. Some of his research is on file at the Wyoming State Archives. He researched and wrote about several buildings and locations over the years. Music was his way of relaxation and stress relief. Jim was the neighborhood go to guy for anything computer related. Family and friends were also calling on him when they needed any type of computer or software help.

He was survived by his sister in-law, Judy Zwieg; nephew, Glen Zwieg of Laramie; niece, Brenda of Alaska; several grand and great grand nephews and nieces; and numerous cousins.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents and brother, William Zwieg.

A memorial can be made in Jim's honor to the donor's choice.

The Gorman Funeral Homes - Platte Chapel of Wheatland are in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.gormanfh.com