



## James Allen Dunn

August 29, 1950 - September 29, 2019

James (Jim) Allen Dunn passed away suddenly on September 29, 2019. Born in Schenectady, New York, on August 29, 1950, Jim spent his youth in Ohio and California, graduating from Ohio University in 1973, then going on to graduate school at San Francisco State and U.N.L.V. Jim moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, in 1978 with his college sweetheart, Robi Thompson-Dunn, to pursue a career in teaching and to raise a family. He was an English teacher for Clark County School District from 1978-2003. He also taught at College of Southern Nevada. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Robi Thompson-Dunn, his daughters Jessica Dunn and Ashley Dunn, his daughter-in-law, Chanda Shaw, his son-in-law, Steve Day, His granddaughter, Charlotte Dunn, his grandson, Everett Day, his siblings; Stacy Bentrovato, Steve Dunn, J.B.Dunn, and Tina Dunn, his sisters-in-law; Lorna Shea, Linda Nevers, Julie Dunn, and Christina Dunn, and his brothers-in-law; Stanley Nevers, Tom Shea and Don Bentrovato. He is also survived by his two best friends and hiking buddies, Richard Lewnau and Jim Laurie, as well as many cousins and nieces and nephews.

Jim loved to hike in the Spring Mountains or Mount Charleston, where he lived for 30 years. He had a lifelong respect and love for the outdoors, which he passed on to his daughters and grandchildren. He spent most of his retirement traveling, fly-fishing, going to classic rock concerts, reading, beating everyone at Scrabble and Words With Friends, and spending time with his daughters' families. His love of literature and the English language

touched many of his students over his long career. He also loved animals, and cared for many cats, dogs, and horses during his life.

There will be a celebration of life for Jim in the early summer of 2020 on Mount Charleston. Those who are interesting in attending may contact his wife at [nevadawoods51@gmail.com](mailto:nevadawoods51@gmail.com) so she will send you the information when plans are finalized. If desired, friends may make a contribution in his name to the Alzheimer's Association, the Sierra Club, or [alleycatallies.org](http://alleycatallies.org). Jim will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ Hello, I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Dunn. He was my teacher in 11th and 12th grade back in 2001 & 2002 at Bonanza HS and I have never forgotten him. My sister was in his class as well. He inspired me to become a teacher. He was a wonderful mentor and incredible educator. I am heartbroken for your family. I am thankful for the opportunity to have been his student.

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Rachel Cicoria - July 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM



“ We finally had Jim's celebration of life on August 28, 2021, in the group picnic area in the mountains where he lived and loved. It was a perfect day. Many of his old friends and members of his family came to speak of wonderful memories. Those who could not come personally sent memories that we read aloud. I know that Jim would have enjoyed the celebration. He was a good man who died much too young. We should have had may more years of love and life together. There will never be another love in my life. ---Robi

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September 06, 2021 at 01:00 AM

DB

“ Mr. Dunn was just one of those teachers who could inspire without much effort. There was a way about him that made you want to do better, to try harder, to be a better student. He inspired me not just to write but to pour my soul onto the page without ever holding back. No matter what I wrote, he never judged, he only ever encouraged. We spend so many years of our lives in school and I can honestly say he was by far the best teacher I have ever had. Anytime I feel like I do not have any words left, I just remember him telling me that I was born to be a writer. Thank you Mr. Dunn! You will truly be missed.

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Doria Brandt - March 11, 2021 at 02:46 PM

MH

“ hi Robi, I am so sorry to hear of Jim passing. How devastating for you and your daughters. Jim was a good man, a lot of fun .we all had lots of laughs wonderful memories. Please get in touch with me.  
RIP JIM

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**Monica Hutson** - May 27, 2020 at 09:59 PM

AC

“ I was so sorry to hear about Jim's passing. I cherish the great memories from Hyde Park and especially our famous Wholoween road trip! You were a great person, a great teacher and you will be missed! I'm sad that we didn't keep in touch more after we left Hyde Park but I guess life gets in the way of things that should be important to us! Rest In Peace J.D. Robi- I would greatly appreciate knowing when and where the celebration of life for Jim will be this summer! Lyn and I would be honored to attend. Hope you and the girls are doing ok. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours!

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**Art Carlin** - April 22, 2020 at 08:25 PM

DD

“ Mr. Dunn was an excellent teacher and helped me tremendously at Bonanza High School. A real stand up guy. He even got me a graduation gift. I never got a chance to thank him for everything he did.

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**Don Davis** - November 08, 2019 at 09:46 AM

JE

“ A month gone and I miss you more all the time. You were a good dad, a good guy. I've been listening to songs you liked and thinking about you all the time. The leaves are changing color here and I wish I could talk to you on a walk through the woods. I wish I could ask you what your favorite Leonard Cohen song was. I wish you could make us breakfast spaceships this Christmas morning. I wish you could dance with Charlotte again and read her a bedtime story. I don't have words to thank you or tell you what you've meant to me, but I know you knew that you were loved by all of us. You are constant in the daily magic of our lives, through your daughters and grandkids. I love you, Dad. I miss you, Dad.

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**Jessica** - October 28, 2019 at 09:27 PM

AD

“ Thank you for all that you taught me. I miss your hugs, goofy jokes, and how you always stoked the fire to keep your family warm. I see your legacy when I look at your grandchildren; and will keep your memory alive through speaking of you, appreciating the places you revered, and instilling our shared values in my children. Your daughter, Ashley

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**Ashley Dunn** - October 23, 2019 at 08:52 PM



“ I will love you until the end of time. I miss you every moment of every day. You were the love of my life and my soulmate. There will never be another. Love, RObi

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October 22, 2019 at 11:49 AM

DS

“*Regrettably, I never knew Jim personally, but I did have the pleasure of teaching art to his daughters Jessica and Ashley at Ronzone elementary school. I remember Jessica well, since she was my student for all five of her elementary school years. Though my meetings with Jim and Robi during that time were very few and very brief, they impressed me as parents, and so did their decision to live on Mt. Charleston. They struck me as folk determined to live mindful and well-balanced lives, and their long marriage indicates they mustve been pretty successful in achieving that. My heartfelt condolences go out to everyone in the Dunn family, especially his girls. I also lost my father when he was just 69, far too soon. Jims life may have been shorter than many, but reading his obituary, it seems his was richer than most. May happy memories of him live long in the hearts and minds of his loved ones.*

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**Danna Stonecipher** - October 22, 2019 at 11:46 AM

LW

“*He was a great teacher. His wife also . Hyde park middle school.*

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**L Whitmore** - October 22, 2019 at 08:42 AM

SA

“*I'm so sorry for your loss Robi. I wish I'd gotten to know Jim. We were born the same year and I too went to SF state for grad school! Maybe at the same time. Sending hugs to you. See u tomorrow afternoon.*

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**Susan Abraham** - October 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

NK

“*My heart is with the whole Dunn family during this time of sorrow.*

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**Nathan Kunkle** - October 21, 2019 at 07:29 PM

ZL

“ *In loving memory of a wonderful man. Remembering you and Jim today and always. ~ Zan and Aaron Levine*

Zan Levine - October 21, 2019 at 07:16 PM



“ *I miss you, Dad. Thank you for all the hikes, camping trips, good advice, care, and love for my family and my little girl. I cant express my love for you and how much we will miss you. Love always, Jessica*

October 21, 2019 at 07:04 PM

ZL

“ *Robi, Aaron and I send our love and healing thoughts to you at this deeply sad time. Love, Zan Levine*



Zan Levine - October 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ *I am thinking of your whole family during this difficult time.*

*"A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again."  
-Maya Angelou*



Nathan Peter Kunkle - October 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM